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PREFACE

Of English country life in the Middle Ages lively pictures have been handed down to us from the time of Chaucer. To most persons country life in Scotland during the same times is shrouded in mystery. Chronicles and official records throw little light on the life of the Home. Scotland is not too rich in public documents, and is still poorer in private documents given to the public. To many the glimpses of social life afforded by my charters will be thought revelations. Few, I fancy, will be fully prepared for the extreme simplicity of life found in the houses of lairds of substantial property. The furnishing of a sixteenth-century manor house is simply that of a modern bothie. The "plenishing" of many a married ploughman's cottage at the present day would be found very comfortable in comparison. For establishing in life a young couple about to marry provision is simply found by the assignment of so many measures of oatmeal and barley *per annum*, and that—in the earlier times at least—not commuted for money, as might be supposed, but simply doled out in kind. Porridge washed down with home-brewed beer must have been the staple diet. But again with this primitive simplicity we have to the full the old Scottish regard for birth. The certificate thought necessary to qualify the young scion of Dalhousie for military service under a foreign king is very instructive.

The singular contrast between the etymology of the place-names in Forfarshire and East Perthshire and that of the names borne by the owners and occupiers of the land, carries us back

to periods in our history lost in the night of time. The place-names are practically all Celtic; the names of the men, high and low, are almost as generally what would be called Anglo-Saxon. Of course the indigenous Ogilvys, as I must call them, abound; and there are a good many Campbells and others with names presumably of Celtic etymology; but the "Mac's" are conspicuous by their absence. The wholesale removal in the Lowlands of Scotland of a Celtic population, and its replacement by non-Celtic tribes, is a fact known to all. But the point to which I would draw attention is the large Scandinavian element traceable in the intruding population, an element commonly associated with the northern and western counties only. The Scandinavian element in Strathmore has even affected the place-names (see the prevalence of "law" = 'hill'). But I trace it far more in the family names, and in the singular predominance of names ending in the patronymic "son". The names of twenty-three Robertsons will be found in my Index.

This patronymic is not Anglo-Saxon. The English before the Norman Conquest used no patronymic; it must be considered of Scandinavian origin, and a modification of the "sen" (e.g. Jansen, Petersen, &c.) still so common in Scandinavia.

The reader will be struck with the extreme subdivision of land-ownership; a farm let to a single tenant at £150 or £200 a year at the present day is commonly owned in thirds and sometimes in sixths. This subdivision had no connexion with "runrig" or cultivation in common; there was no shifting ownership; the severance between the different portions of a given farm, say the Easter, Middle, and Wester thirds—commonly described as the 'sunny, middle, and shadow' thirds, was permanent; and they were held by distinct titles. In spite of the shackles of feudal law and subinfeudation, and consequent

pressure of legal charges, the traffickings in these petty holdings by way of "wadset" (mortgage) or sale was perpetual. Little progress towards the absorption of these small lairdships by big landowners would seem to have been made prior to the eighteenth century. The movement leading to the consolidation of land-ownership was evidently voluntary, and due to the working of economic causes.

Of course the subdivision of ownership involved still greater subdivision of tenancies. If a petty laird occupied his own land we are sure to hear of a string of tenants and cottars under him. An extreme case of partition will be found in charter No. 199, where Gilbert Ramsay II mortgages "the shadow half of the east third part of the town and lands of Lytill Bamff, with the shadow half of the houses thereto belonging" (p. 226).

Economists will find interesting details of the prices of agricultural produce, the corresponding prices in England at the time being also given. The progressive debasement of the Scots currency in its downward course is also illustrated. But the class perhaps to whom my documents will most appeal are the family historian and the genealogist. My Indexes supply them with the names of 270 families, almost all of them belonging either to Forfarshire or Perthshire. Ministers, notaries and schoolmasters will appear as well as owners and occupiers of land. Early names always have an interest, if only with regard to their derivation and etymology, and so I give the names of indesignate persons down to the year 1600 or thereabouts; to have gone on further with obscure indesignate individuals would have swelled the work to unreasonable proportions. In connexion with the names, I should explain that in the heading of a document I give the names, whether of persons or places, according to the modern form, as I understand it; in the body of

a document the names are given just as they are found. For the benefit of English readers I may explain that "of" in connexion with land indicates ownership; "in" indicates tenancy or occupancy only. Robertson "of" Downie is a proprietor; Robertson "in" Downie an occupier. With respect to the names of places, I only give the names of towns, or of places of some interest, or where something happened. As in my other works, so here, I use double turned commas to denote words quoted in the absolute original; words or passages translated or modified in any way are given in single turned commas. Lastly I must acknowledge my indebtedness to the Rev. Henry Paton and his son Mr. Henry M. Paton for their beautiful transcription of the documents.

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BAMFF CHARTERS AND PAPERS

1232–1697

INTRODUCTION

(From Article in *New Genealogist* of July 1914)

Owing to the paucity of the twelfth- and thirteenth-century records that have come down to our days, the first links in the pedigree of the Ramsay family as settled in Scotland are involved in considerable obscurity. With regard to the origin of the name, tradition claims Ramsey in Huntingdonshire as the place from whence it was taken, and early charters commonly spell it with an " e ", as in the Latinized form *de Rameseia*.

The settlement of the Ramsays in Scotland goes back to the twelfth century. But the promotion at that time of Englishmen from Huntingdonshire to good positions in Scotland can easily be accounted for. During nearly the whole of that century, and part of the next, the Earldom of Huntingdon was held by members of the Scottish Royal family. King David I, his son Henry, King Malcolm the Maiden, William the Lion, his brother David, David's son John, all at various times enjoyed that great fief (1109 ?–1237). David I was a great patron of the Southern men ; many Englishmen were settled in Scotland during his time (1124–1153). To him she owes her Bruces, Balliols, Lindsays, Maules, Riddels, Sinclairs, Hays, and probably the Ramsays among them.[1]

The first of the name to appear in Scottish history is Symon de Rameseia, who attests two charters, neither of them dated, so that their dates must be inferred from what is known of the

[1] See Chalmers, Caledonia, i. 508, &c.

attesting witnesses. The first[1] may have been executed as early as 1260; the other[2] about 1196. In neither of these is any territorial designation given to Symon, but he seems to have been connected with Midlothian, and may well have been laird of Dalhousie.

Next of the Ramsays to appear is William de Rameshei or Rameseia, who attests three charters that all must have been executed 1189–1199.[3] His relationship to Symon is not stated, nor again is any territorial designation given to him; but he was evidently of Midlothian, and connected with the Court circle.

But if the twelfth-century notices of the Ramsays are scanty, with the thirteenth century five distinct families spring up at once, with a sixth, perhaps, but not certainly, somewhat later, namely, the several Ramsays of Forthar and Clatto in Fife; of Bamff in Perthshire; of Dalhousie and Auchterhouse in Midlothian and Forfarshire; with Ramsays of Colluthie in Fife to follow. Dalhousie and Auchterhouse were closely connected from the first; beyond that I have failed to trace the interrelation of the several families. But the kinship of Bamff to Dalhousie we shall find formally recognized in the seventeenth century. Family tradition maintains that the Bamff Ramsays came from Fife; and the belief is supported by the fact that we shall find Adam Ramsay, the grandson of "Nessus" the original grantee of Bamff, described as 'of Fife', and rendering homage to Edward I with a band of Fife lairds, three of them, besides himself, being bearers of the Ramsay name. That connects the Bamff Ramsays with either the Ramsays of Forthar or the Ramsays of Clatto. There are evidences of connexion with both, but more especially with Clatto. But if the original Symon was

[1] Holyrood Charters, No. 17.

[2] Glasgow Charters, No. 46.

[3] Raine, North Durham, Append. No. 52; Holyrood Charters, Nos. 42 and 48.

the progenitor of all the thirteenth-century Ramsays they could not have got beyond the second or third degree of descent from him; they must all have been near cousins.[1] I proceed to review the Bamff Charters, taking them in connexion with the successive lairds during whose tenure of the property they were executed. The great majority of the papers are from the family charter-box, and have never been printed; but I have added a few relating to the family from extraneous sources.

[1] For details see my article in the *New Genealogist* of July 1914, which so far I reproduce here.

(1) NEIS I

(Alexander II, King of Scotland 1214–1249)

The story of Bamff begins with the original charter of Alexander II to "*Nessus medicus noster*", dated 9th October 1232. The family name is not given to "Nessus", but his identity is not open to doubt. He appears in four several charters; but the distinction of his office at Court, or his personal celebrity, eclipsed the surname; while in fact at that time surnames were only just coming into use. The son and the grandson of "Nessus" are Ramsays, and nothing but Ramsays; while the continuous descent of the property in the male line removes all possibility of doubt.

With respect to the personal name of the *medicus*, which in Latin appears under the varying forms of Nessus, Nesius, Neisius, and Neso, and in the vernacular is found as Nesse, Nes, Neis, Nees, and Nece, the last three may be taken as giving the right pronunciation; while Neis must be pronounced the oldest and most correct form of spelling. An early Holyrood charter records the grant of the church at Tranent made by "Thor' fitz Swain" to "Neis fil' Chilu",[1] while "Neis" is the autograph of the last Bamff laird of the name who succeeded in 1507.

I have spoken of the celebrity of our founder Neis. He is styled *Magister*, implying that he had taken an M.A. degree at a University. That he was a man of renown in his own time is proved by the legendary fame that still enshrines his memory. The oldest myth contents itself with asserting that the signal service performed by Neis for the King was nothing less than that of cutting a hair-ball from off the Royal heart. A hair-ball in the

[1] Holyrood Charters, p. 11.

stomach is, I believe, a trouble from which cows at the present day suffer, but from which human beings appear to be exempt. This legend, however, must be pronounced of the highest antiquity, if not contemporary; at any rate we have lapidary evidence of it in the sixteenth century. Our charter No. 45 below, dated 14th June 1534, recording evidence given as to the marches between Bamff and the Hill of Alyth, carefully describes a red cross or pillar-stone as marking the line of demarcation. On one side it bore a sword pointing upwards to a man's head "as the arms of the Erle of Crawford"; on the other side it had "ane picture of ane scheir with the manner of ane ball within the plaits and schering of the sheiris". Obviously we here have the hair-ball and the instrument with which it was excised.

An expanded legend, of palpably later date, proceeds to explain how Neis, now styled "Sir James", acquired his marvellous skill and insight. Having been outlawed and banished for treason, he wanders away to Spain, and there falls into the hands of a strange old man with long locks, grey beard, and black velvet gown, a magician, deeply versed in all black arts. "Sir James" enters his service, and is sent home to catch by night a wonderful white serpent that haunted a rocky cavern at the foot of a waterfall known as the "Reekie Linn", not far from Bamff. The snake having been caught and killed and delivered to the magician, "Sir James" is set to brew a deadly broth from the poisonous flesh of the serpent with other appropriate ingredients; he is charged at his peril not to taste of the broth, or allow it to boil over. But boil over it does, and a scalding drop falls on the finger of the careless attendant. Smarting with pain he hastily licks the spot to find himself not in peril of death, but endowed with preternatural powers of vision, able to see into and through all things—an anticipation of the Röntgen rays! "An' sae ye ken," says the teller of the story, "he culd see fine intill folks' insides, and tell what was the matter wi' 'em."

If Neis received an M.A. degree the question arises, At what University did he receive it? Presumably at Paris or Oxford, most likely at the latter. Cambridge had made a start a few years before, but as yet could hardly attract scholars from beyond the Tweed.[1]

But the barony of Bamff was not the only property conferred on Neis for his services. From our next three charters we learn that the lands of Dunfolemthim Hutyhr[2] (now Dunfallandy near Pitlochrie) were bestowed by David of Hastings, Earl of Atholl, and his wife the Countess Fornelethe on Master Nessus the King's physician for his services; and that Master Nessus in turn, instead of retaining the lands, had freely bestowed them on the Cistercian Abbey of Coupar, for the benefit of the souls of the Earl and Countess, and their ancestors and successors. As David of Hastings only held the Earldom in right of his wife, the grant to Nessus would be essentially the doing of the fair Countess. With respect to the spelling of her name the Fornelethe of our No. 4, being that of an original charter, must be held more authoritative than the Fernlleth or Fernleth of No. 3, though the latter is the Countess's own charter, but, as we have it, only in a copy from a transcript. In the Peerages the name comes out as Ferelith.

Neis was evidently still living at the time of the execution of our No. 4 charter, namely 3rd July 1247; beyond that I cannot fix the term of his life, or the date of the accession of his successor.

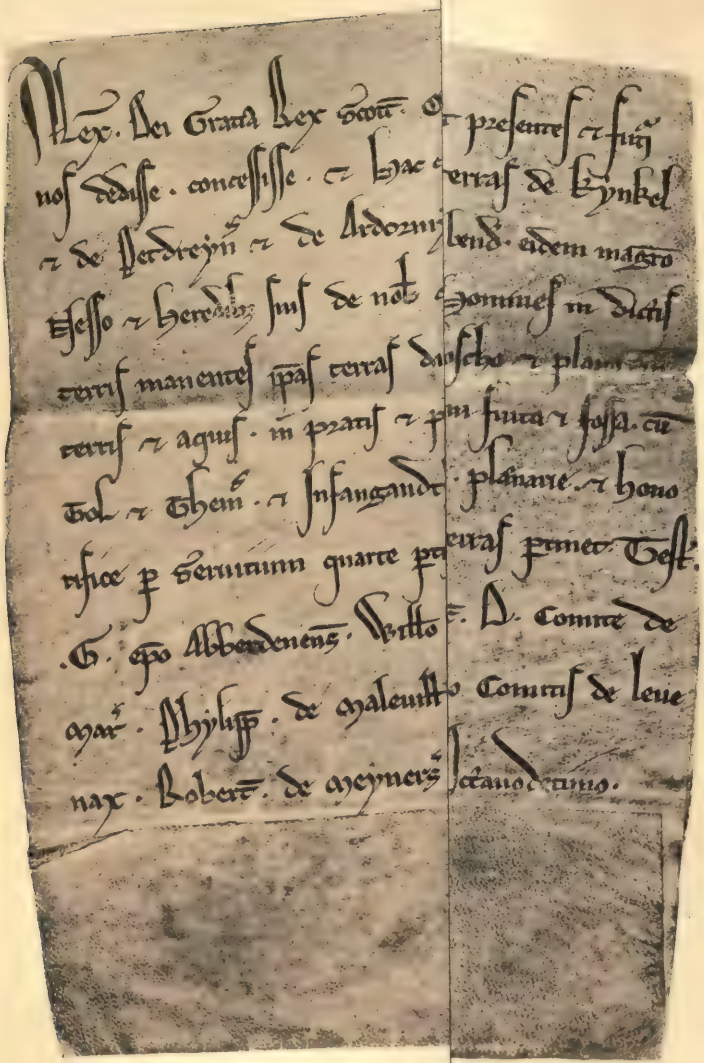
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Charter by King Alexander II, to Neis [Ramsay], his physician, of Bamff: 9th October 1232.

"Alexander Dei gratia Rex Scottorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laycis Salutem. Sciant presentes et

[1] See Angevin Empire, 512.

[2] Variants, "Dunfolenthies Huchthir", "Dumfolethyne Huchtelache".



CHARTER OF ALEXA (Exact Size.)

futuri nos dedisse concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Magistro Nesso medico nostro pro homagio et servitio suo terras de Kynkel et de Petdreyne et de Ardormyne et Banef in feodo de Alyth et terram de Foyl: Tenendas et habendas eidem Magistro Nesso et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate per easdem rectas divisas per quas homines in dictis terris manentes ipsas terras die hujus collationis tenuerunt et cum omnibus justis pertinentiis suis in boscho et plano in terris et aquis in pratis et pascuis in moris et maresiis in stagnis et molendinis cum socco et sacca cum furca et fossa cum tol et theme et infangandthefe et cum omnibus aliis ad easdem terras juste pertinentibus libere quiete planarie et honorifice per servitium quarte partis unius militis et faciendo aliud forinsecum servitium quod ad easdem terras pertinet. Testibus Gilberto [Stirling] Episcopo Abberdenense; Willelmo de Bondingtone Cancellario; Waltero filio Alani Senescalli Justiciario Scocie; Duncano Comite de Marr; Phylipp de Maleville; Waltero Byset; Jacobo filio Morgund; Rogero filio Glay; Malcolmo filio Comitis de Levenax; Roberto de Meyners. Apud Abberdene nono die Octobris anno regni Domini Regis octavo decimo."

(Portion of Great Seal attached.)

2

MORTIFICATION[1] BY NEIS [Ramsay], the King's physician, to the Monks of Coupar of the lands of Dunfallandy: 1242–1244.

[Register of Cupar Abbey, vol. ii, p. 348, No. 86; Abbreviate entry.]

"CARTA donationis Nessi, medici Domini Regis, Deo Sanctæ Mariæ et monachis de Cupro in puram et perpetuam elimosinam, pro salute animæ piæ recordationis Domini David de Hasting, Comitis Atholiæ,[2] et Forflisæ sponsæ suæ, Comitissæ Atholiæ,

[1] i. e. Alienation in mortmain.

[2] David succeeded in 1242 and died in 1244; Complete Peerage.

viz. terra de Dunfolemthimhutyhr illam, viz. quam predictus Dominus David, Comes Atholiæ, et Forflissa Comitissa mihi dederunt pro servitio meo et homagio, etc."

3

CONFIRMATION BY FERNLETH, COUNTESS OF ATHOLL, of the foregoing Mortification: 1244–1247.

['Cartæ Variæ,' a MS. in Lib. of Scot. Soc. of Antiq., p. 105.]

"CONFIRMATIO Fernlleth, Comitisse Atholie, de terra de Dunfolantyne. Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris, Fernleth, Comitissa Atholie, salutem. Noveritis me caritatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et pro anima Domini David de Hastings quondam viri mei, Comitis Atholie, et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et Beate Marie de Cupro et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et in perpetuum serviturus terram de Dunfolenthies Huchthir, illam scilicet quam Magister Nessus, medicus Regis, dictis monachis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam dedit et carta sua confirmavit; quamquidem terram ego in legia potestate viduitatis mee constituta predicto Nesso pro homagio et servitio suo mihi impendendo dedi; quam terram modo Keinnach Mackgilleger de dictis monachis ad firmam tenet. Quare volo quod dicti monachi predictam terram cum omnibus commoditatibus et asiamentis eidem terre pertinentibus pacifice et honorifice teneant et possideant libere ab omni onere et servitio Domini Regis et Comitis Atholie et a quibuscunque oneribus que de dicta terra ab aliquo quovis modo exigi poterint vel requiri. Et ut hec mea concessio et confirmatio robur perpetue firmitatis optineat eam presentis pagine testimonio sigilli mei appositione roboravi. His testibus Domino Gilberto de Haya, Domino Roberto Meneres, Domino Aymero de Machuswell,

Domino Simone de Lindesay, Domino Willelmo de Haya, Domino Johanne capellano (*sic*), Cumming filio Comitis, et multis aliis."

4

CONFIRMATION BY KING ALEXANDER II of the foregoing Mortification: 3rd July 1247.

[Original in charter-chest of the Earl of Moray.]

" CONFIRMATIO carte per Magistrum Nessum facte monachis de Cupro. Alexander Dei gracia Rex Scottorum, omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue, salutem. Sciant presentes et futuri nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse donacionem illam quam Magister Nessus, medicus noster, fecit Deo et Beate Marie de Cupro et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et inperpetuum servituris, de tota terra sua de Dumfolethyne Huchtelache, quam quondam David de Hastinge, Comes Atholie, consensu et voluntate Fornelethe, Comitisse, sponse sue, dedit eidem Magistro, et quam dicta Fornelethe post mortem predicti David viri sui in sua ligia potestate constituta eidem Magistro pro homagio et servicio suo dedit et in plenariam saisinam posuit: Tenenda et habenda predictis monachis et successoribus suis de prefato Magistro Nesso et heredibus suis in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam per rectas divisas suas et cum omnibus libertatibus et aisiamentis ad eandem terram pertinentibus ita libere quiete plenarie et honorifice sicut carta predicti Magistri Nessi eisdem monachis inde plenius confecta juste testatur, salvo servicio nostro: Testibus venerabili patre A. [Alwin] Episcopo Brechynensi, W. Abbate de Abirbrothoc, Roberto de Monte Alto, Bernardo de Rippeley; apud Forfare tercio die Julii anno regni Domini Regis tricesimo tercio."

(2) MALCOLM I

(Alexander III, King of Scotland 1249–1286)

Neis I, according to tradition and Douglas's Baronage, was followed by his son Malcolm I, though there is no record evidence either of the sonship or the succession. But Malcolm may fairly be identified with the Malcolm de Ramesey who attested the grant of a piece of land near Markinch made by William de Valoniis to the Priory of St. Andrews, 30th November 1284. The John de Ramesey who also signs I take to be his cousin the laird of Forthar in Fife.[1]

[1] St. Andrews Charters, p. 420. For the Ramsays of Forthar see the *New Genealogist* for July 1914.

(3) ADAM I

(John Balliol, King of Scotland 1292–1296; Robert I, 1306–1329)

From Malcolm I we are taken to Adam "de Rameseye", who first appears on the 20th November 1293, and again a year later, as paying, or being called on to pay, the "relief" due for the land of "Clatey" (Clatto), on behalf of Nicholas de Rameseye the heir, who was under age.[1] Adam is not designated as 'of Bamff'; in fact in one place Clatto is spoken of as 'his land' (*terræ suæ*); but the Clatto pedigree at this point is too clear to admit of any doubt as to the ownership of the property. Adam must have paid this money as guardian for the young laird of Clatto; this of course implies a near degree of relationship between Bamff and Clatto. Adam is next found swearing allegiance to Edward I at Berwick on the 28th August 1296 in company with a band of Fife men, such as the lairds of Anstruther, Cambo, and Balcasky, with three Ramsays besides himself, one of them apparently being the laird of Forthar. Adam's seal is extant, attached to his ragman or bond of allegiance to Edward, with the device of a small hawk on the left hand gloved between three roses.[2] A few days later, being still at Berwick, Adam was put upon a jury along with one Malcolm, doubtless his son.[3]

Twelve or thirteen years later we have Adam de Ramesay and Malcolm described as of Balmeharge—evidently the same two men—sitting on an assize or jury to settle a dispute between the Abbot of Lindores and the men of Newburgh.[4] The fact that

[1] Stevenson, Documents illustrative of Scottish History, i. 408, 409, 413. See also the *New Genealogist, sup.*

[2] Bain, Calendar of Documents, ii. 204 and Appendix of Seals.

[3] Id., No. 824. [4] Cartulary of Lindores, p. 12 (Abbotsford Club).

this Malcolm is described as of Balmeharge is conclusive as to his connexion with Bamff, because later on we shall find Balmeharg a Bamff possession. The charter bears the absurd date of Thursday before St. Peter "*In cathedra anno gratiæ millesimo tricesimo nono*" (1039). But the names of the attesting witnesses prove that the date should be read *Anno Gratiæ millesimo tercentesimo nono*, namely, 16th January 1308–9. I append a copy of the oath of allegiance sworn by Adam to Edward I at Berwick. It was evidently a common form, and may be taken as the oath sworn by all the other nobility, gentry, and good men of Scotland. Adam was still living 9th January 1315–16.

COPY RAGMAN OR BOND OF ALLEGIANCE TO EDWARD I, sworn by Adam Ramsay: 28th August 1296.

[Form given by Palgrave, Documents, No. lxiv, p. 166.]

"A TOUZ ceux qui cestes lettres verront ou orront Adam de Ramesey saluy. Pur ce que je su venuz a la foi et a la volunte du tresnoble prince nostre chier Seigneur Edward par la grace de Dieu Roi d'Engleterre, Seigneur d'Irlande et Ducs d'Aquitaine, je promets pur moi et pur mis heirs sur peine de cors et d'avoir et sur quant que nous peussoms encour que nous li servirons bien et loiament contre totes gentz qui porront vivre et morir totes les foiz que nous seroms requis ou garnis de par nostre Seigneur le Roi d'Engleterre avantdit ou par ses heirs. Et qu nous leur damage ne saveroms qu nous nel destourberoms a tot nostre pouer et le lor faceoms a savoir. E a cestes choses tenir et garder je oblige moi et mes heirs et touz nos biens et outre ce ai je jure sur Seintes Ewangeiles. En tesmoignance de queu chose je ai fait faire cestes lettres overtes selees de mon seal Donees a Berewic le vintisme huit jour d aust de lan du regne nostre Seigneur le Roi d'Engleterre avandit vintisme quart."

I



SEAL OF ADAM RAMSAY I

1296

(Reproduced from the original in the
Public Record Office, London)

(4) MALCOLM II

(Robert I, King of Scotland 1306–1329)

According to the current pedigree, Adam I was succeeded by his son Nigel or Neil.[1] But if I follow, as bound I am to follow, the plain record of the charters, I must resuscitate two lost ancestors, and insert two fresh names in the family tree, namely, the above-mentioned Malcolm Ramsay described as of Balmeharg, and another Adam his son. On the 9th of January 1315–16 we have Malcolm Ramesay, now described as of Balneward, and Adam his son witnessing the performance of homage by Duncan IV, Earl of Fife, to the Abbot of Dunfermline, the homage being rendered for the lands of Cluny in Fife held by the Earl of the Abbot.[2] Whether " Balneward " was a clerical error for ' Balmeharg ", or whether they were several possessions, I cannot say—probably the former, because we shall find Malcolm again described as of Balmeharg, otherwise Balwharg, so that evidently there was some uncertainty as to the spelling of the name. In our charter No. 5 the name will be found given as Balmeharge in the body of the deed, but in the heading as Balwharg, while in No. 8, a hundred years later, the place is Balwharg throughout. The name survives in the Loch of Balquharg near Markinch in Fife.

[1] Douglas, Robert, Baronage of Scotland.
[2] Dunfermline Charters, No. 349.

(5) ADAM II

(Robert I, King of Scotland 1306–1329)

Adam's position is clearly established by our next charter, which describes him as son and heir of Malcolm of Balmeharg. The deed records a fresh accession of property, namely, that of the lands of Luthile, Balbreky, and Ballenkerc, adjoining the moss of Dalkynche, by grant of Duncan IV, Earl of Fife. The attesting witnesses are David de Berkeley, Sheriff of Fife; David de Wemis, Michael de Wemis, and William de Monte Alto, Knights; Henry de Ramissay, John de Claphine, and Alan de Claphine. The charter is undated, but the names of the attesting witnesses are held to imply a date about 1320.[1] The Henry de Ramissay I identify with the laird of Colluthie, whose son William fought at Poitiers, and lived to marry Earl Duncan's daughter.[2] Thus we find a laird of Bamff in contact with the representative of a third branch of the *gens*, namely, that of Colluthie. Ballenkerc, Balbreky, and Dalginche are all in the parish of Kennoway in Fife, near Markinch. Luthile may be identified with Latethan in that same neighbourhood.

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Charter by Duncan IV, Earl of Fife, to Adam de Ramsay, son of Malcolm R. of Balwharg, of the lands of Luthile, etc., in Fife: 1320. *Parchment.*

"Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris, Duncanus, Comes de Fyfe, eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse Ade de Ramissay filio et heredi Malcolmi de Ramissay

[1] Douglas.

[2] See Sir William Fraser's "Carnegies of Southesk", where however Henry's Christian name is not given; also *New Genealogist, sup.*

de Balmeharge et heredibus suis pro homagio et servicio suo totam terram nostram de Luthile Balbreky et de Ballenkerc cum novo molendino de Vetera Aula, multura cum secta et servicio dicto molendino debitis vel ab antiquo consuetis, et cum sex acris terre arrabilis propinquius dicto molendino adjacentibus, per suas rectas divisas et cum omnibus justis suis pertinenciis et cum libero introitu et exitu de terra de Balbreky ad dictum novum molendinum : Tenendos et habendos dicte Ade et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate libere quiete et pacifice in moris et marisiis aquis stangnis et molendinis viis et semitis et in omnibus aliis aisiamentis tam non nominatis quam nominatis ad dictas terras de Luthile Balbreky et de Ballenkerc et ad dictum molendinum spectantibus vel aliquo modo de jure inposterum spectare valentibus, in omnibus et per omnia cum jure fodendi habendi et libere adducendi sufficienter quoque anno focale in marisio de Dalkynche pro se heredibus et hominibus suis in dicta terra de Balbreky commorantibus : Faciendo nobis et heredibus nostris dictus Adam et heredes sui sectam curie nostre, vardam et relevium cum contigerint et forinsecum servicium Domino Regi quantum ad dictas terras pertinet, pro omnibus aliis secularibus exactionibus et demandis que per nos vel per heredes nostros de dictis terris et de dicto molendino exigi poterint vel demandari. Nos vero Duncanus, Comes de Fif, et heredes nostri dictas terras de Luthile Balbreky et Ballenkerc et predictum molendinum ut prenominatum est dicto Ade de Ramissay et heredibus suis in omnibus et per omnia contra omnes homines et feminas warandizabimus acquietabimus et inperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum est appensum, hiis testibus, Dominis David de Berkelay tunc Vicecomite de Fif, David de Wemis, Michaele de Wemis, Villelmo de Monte Alto, militibus; Henrico de Ramissay, Johanne de Claphine, Alano de Claphine, et multis aliis."

(6) NIGEL

(David II, King of Scotland 1329–1371)

From Adam II we pass to Nigel, the relationship between the two not appearing. The solitary charter that records Nigel's existence bears no date; but from the names of the attesting witnesses it has been placed about the year 1360. From this deed we learn that at some previous time, not indicated, both the superiority or overlordship, and the beneficial ownership of Easter Mawes in the parish of Blairgowrie, had been acquired, by some prior laird of Bamff, and incorporated in the barony. That of course could only be done by Royal charter. Further we learn that at some subsequent time one-third of Easter Mawes had been mortgaged for 25 marks; now, the money having been paid up by Nigel Ramsay, laird of Bamff, to Mariota Lufale, the mortgagee, the deed attests the reconveyance by her of the land, freed and discharged from the mortgage, and all claims in respect thereof. The deed was apparently executed in Dundee, and in the presence of William de Blare, Alderman of Dundee; Patrick Scot, bailie; James Elge, Patrick Forster, Thomas de Grenlawe, David Massone, William Massone, David de Melros, and others.

6

Resignation or surrender by Mariota Lufale, widow of John Lufale, to Neil Ramsay of Bamff of the third part of Easter Mawes: *circa* 1360? *Parchment.*

"Universis presentes literas inspecturis, Mariota Lufale relicta dudum Johannis Lufale, salutem in omnium Salvatore. Noveritis me non vi aut metu ductam nec errore lapsam sed mea pura

libera et spontanea voluntate pro me et heredibus meis ac successoribus quibuscunque remisisse relaxasse sursum reddidisse pureque simpliciter per fustim et baculum resignasse necnon tenore presencium remitto relaxo sursum reddo pureque simpliciter per fustim et baculum resigno nobili viro Nigello de Ramsay Domino de Banff, ac domino superiori tocius et integre tercie partis terrarum de Estirmallas cum pertinenciis jacentium in baronia de Banff infra vicecomitatum de Perth, totam et integram terciam partem predictam cum pertinenciis ac omne jus et clameum que in dicta tercia parte terrarum predictarum cum pertinenciis habeo habui vel quomodolibet habere potero in futurum a me heredibus meis et successoribus quibuscunque eidem Nigello et heredibus suis omnino quietum clamo inperpetuum per presentes, pro viginti-quinque marcis usualis monete regni Scocie michi per dictum Nigellum gratanter persoluta et satisfacta (*sic*) et per me Mariotam predictam plenarie et integre recepta, pro quibusquidem viginti quinque marcis dicta tercia pars terrarum predictarum cum pertinenciis predecessoribus mei Mariote per antecessores ipsius Nigelli quondam impignorabatur, de quibus quidem viginti quinque marcis ego Mariota predicta pro me et heredibus meis ac successoribus predictum Nigellum heredes suos executores et assignatos quoscunque quietos clamo inperpetuum per presentes : Tenendam et habendam totam et integram dictam terciam partem terrarum predictarum cum pertinenciis dicto Nigello et heredibus suis ac suis successoribus a me et heredibus meis et successoribus quibuscunque adeo libere quiete plenarie integre bene et in pace ita quod nec ego dicta Mariota nec heredes mei aut successores nec aliquis alius nomine nostro jus vel clameum possessionem vel proprietatem in prefata tercia parte terrarum predictarum cum pertinenciis titulo quocunque aut scripto vel juris remedio quovismodo vendicare poterimus aut poterint in futurum, sed ab omni juris titulo tam petitorio quam possessorio predicte tercie partis terrarum predictarum cum pertinenciis simus decetero

penitus et omnino exclusi et inperpetuum absoluti per presentes ; et si contingat me Mariotam predictam heredes meos aut successores seu aliquem alium nomine nostro directe vel indirecte quovis ad hoc exquisito colore super dicta tercia parte terrarum predictarum questionem movere aut contra tenorem presentis scripti vel alicujus in eodem contenti quicquam acceptare quod absit seu in eadem tercia parte jus vel clameum vendicare in futurum, unde dictus Nigellus heredes sui aut successores fuerint inquietati molestati aut perturbati, obligo me heredes meos et successores ac omnia bona nostra mobilia et immobilia terras annuos redditus et possessiones in viginti (*sic*) marcis usualis monete regni Scotie dicto Nigello heredibus suis aut successoribus sine remissione persolvendis et suis propriis usibus applicandis antequam placitum seu litem coram quocunque judice ecclesiastico vel seculari intraverimus seu nostrum aliquis intraverit, presentibus nichilominus in suo robore et vigore penitus duraturis ; in quorum fidem et testimonium quia sigillum proprium non habui, sigillum providi viri Willelmi de Blare tunc tempore aldirmanni de Dunde presentibus cum instancia apponi procuravi, hiis testibus, Patricio Scot, ballivo, Jacobo Elge, Patricio Forster, Thoma de Grenlawe, David Masone, Willelmo Masone, David de Melros, cum pluribus aliis."

Of our next charter, No. 7, it does not appear whether it appertains to the time of Nigel or to that of his successor Gilbert. From it, however, we learn that at some time or other an annual rent or rentcharge of forty shillings had been laid on the chief house or messuage of Ardormy, part of the barony of Bamff ; that the rent had vested in one Robert Hull; that he had assigned the same to the King, Robert II ; and that the King now grants the same to his son Robert Stewart, Earl of Fife and Menteith.

The charter is attested by William Landels, Bishop of St. Andrews; John Peebles, Bishop of Dunkeld, Chancellor; the King's eldest son, John Earl of Carrick, and Steward or Stewart of Scotland; his son Alexander Stewart, Earl of Buchan (the "Wolf of Badenoch"); William of Douglas, Earl of Douglas and Mar; and Archibald of Douglas and Robert of Erskine, Knights.

7

CHARTER BY KING ROBERT II, to Robert, Earl of Fife, of an annual rent from the lands of Ardormy: 12th January 1382–3.

Parchment.

[Robert II reigned 1371–1390.]

"ROBERTUS Dei gratia Rex Scottorum, Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laycis, salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto filio nostro Roberto, Comiti de Fyff et de Menteth, illum annuum redditum quadraginta solidorum de Addormy cum superiori domo ejusdem ville in baronia de Banf infra vicecomitatum de Perth, qui fuerunt Roberti Hull de Addormy et quos idem Robertus non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus sed mera et spontanea voluntate sua nobis apud castrum nostrum de Strivelyn per literas suas resignacionis sursum reddidit pureque et simpliciter resignavit ac totum jus et clameum que in dicto annuo redditu cum superiori domo predicto habuit vel habere potuit, pro se et heredibus suis omnino quiete clamavit in perpetuum: Tenendos et habendos eidem filio nostro heredibus et assignatis suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate per omnes rectas metas et divisas suas adeo libere quiete plenarie integre et honorifice in omnibus et per omnia sicut dictus Robertus dictum annuum redditum cum superiori domo predicto de nobis ante resignacionem hujusmodi nobis factam liberius quietius plenius integrius et honorificentius juste tenuit seu possedit: Faciendo inde nobis servicia debita et consueta. In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte nostre

nostrum precepimus apponi sigillum; testibus, venerabilibus in Christo patribus, Willelmo [Landels] et Johanne [Peebles] Cancellario nostro, Sancti Andree et Dunkeldensis ecclesiarum Episcopis, Johanne primo genito nostro de Carryk et Senescallo Scocie, Alexandro Senescalli de Buchane dilecto filio nostro, Willelmo de Douglas et de Marr, consanguineo nostro, Comitibus, Archebaldo de Douglas et Roberto de Erskyne, consanguineis nostris, militibus, apud Strivelyn duodecimo die Januarii anno regni nostri terciodecimo."

(Part of seal.)

(7) GILBERT I

(Robert II, King of Scotland 1371–1390)

Gilbert I, our next laird of Bamff, is given as son of Nigel,[1] but the evidence does not appear. Our next charter, however, an award as to marches, shows yet another property, namely, Woodwrae in Forfarshire, as being held with Bamff, in addition to the lands already mentioned. Walter of Ogilvy is the Sheriff of Angus; among the assessors on the inquest are William Mowat and John the Lindsay, Knights. Gilbert apparently left two sons, Thomas who succeeded him, and Nigel or Neil, described as armour-bearer to Alexander, second Earl of Crawford, of whom below.[2]

8

Decreet arbitral between Gilbert Ramsay and Alexander of Wolhame about the marches of Woodwrae: 10th August 1388.

Parchment.

"Tyll al and sendry that this present writ heiris or seis, be it kende that before Schir Watter of Ogylwy, schyrreff of Angus, it is accordit betuyx Gylbert the Ramsay of the ta part and Alysonder of Wolhame of the tother part in tyl effeke and furme as eftyr folows thai ar fullyly accordit for tham and thayr ayris the qhwilk anecordans wes submitit tyl assys of the best and the worthyast of the cuntre and thar namis that is to say Willame Mowat, Jon the Lyndyssay, knychtis, Androw Dempstar, Willame of Ochterlowny, Waltyr Murray, David of Fowlarton, Wat of Tulloch, Jon Willameson of Angus, Jon of Guthere, Willame of Anand, Lawrens of Cramond, Muryoch of the Rynde, Jon Schere of Cragnathrow, Jon the Malewyn, Willame Jonson of Mourthulle, Fynlay Ywnger, Robyn of Fodryngame, the qhuylk men the gret ath swere that thai sulde devyde the landis of Abbyrlemnoch

[1] Douglas. [2] So MS. Inventory of Bamff Charters and Papers, No. 463.

betuene the Nethertoun and the Oyne, the qhuylke assyss has chosne Jon Joffrason of Turyne, Jhon Ywng of Curyqhwanlane, Ade Cotty and Jon Steywynson, the qwilke foure layd the lande wyth lyne and departit tham ewynly in tua, bath in tofft and foldeland, begynand on the west part of the Lowssy law, strekand west by the land of Tyny tyl the west syde of that ilke land, and sa north tyl the Fyssare falde, and sa strekand west to the west nwk of that falde, and sa northe to Markows falde (Marcus) and west to the water of Eske, and allssua in tyl thar toftis the forsayd Gylbert at the sadow and the forsayd Alysonder at the sone[1] as alde departyson wes, as the water rynnys north betuene the tua toftis bath thar doun and thar uppe, the qhuylk toftis haldis of lenthe achttene fal lang and thertene of brede. In the wetness of the forsayd partysyng Willame, Jon, Androw, Willame, Waltyr, David, Wat, Jhon, Jon, Laurens, Muryoch, Jon, Jon, Willame, Jon, Robyn, Fynlow, the qwylke forsayd personis has eyvynly departit tham in tua, and in the wetnes of the qwilke thyng the forsayd Gylbert and the forsaid Alysondyr as procratt (*sic*) the seyle of Schir Wattyr of Ogylwy, scherreff of Angus, wyth the seylis of sum of tham, the qhuilkis were at the forsayd departysyn, to this present writ to be to put, at Abbyrlemnoch the x day of the moneth of August the yhere of oure Lorde j^{m} ccc. fowrescore and eacht, in the witnes and in presence of Maystyr Jon of Lychton, Schir Jon of Ydwy, parson of that Ilke, Henri of Carnecors, Schir Thomas of Luchers, parson of Kynnettyllis, and the forsayd Gylbert and the forsayd Alysonder has procratt the prioure of Restynet, Dene Jon Marsyale, for tyl bere witnes to the forsaid contrac made. This contrac wrytyn wyth the hand of Thome of Balewny, schyrreff clerke."

[Endorsed] " Litera divicionis terrarum de Wodwra."

(Tags for seven seals.)

[1] Here " sadow ", properly ' shadow ', means ' west side ' ; and " sone " means sunny or ' east side ' ; Gilbert takes the west toft and Alexander the east toft, with the river between them.

Our next charter refers to lands that were held with Bamff for a time in a later century. It gives the root of title of the lands of Couttie near Coupar-Angus in the shape of a grant by the Abbot of Dunfermline, to which abbey the lands previously belonged, of course by Royal charter. Whether our deed belongs to the time of Gilbert I or to that of his successor, I cannot say. I print it in its order in point of time.

9

PRECEPT OF SASINE by William, Abbot of Dunfermline, for infefting John Cumming, son of Richard Cumming, Knight, in the lands of Cuparmaculty (Couttie near Coupar-Angus): 15th May 1415. *Parchment.*

"WILLELMUS permissione divina Abbas monasterii de Dunfermelyne, Patricio Dw, ballivo regalitatis nostre de Dunfermelyne, salutem. Quia predecessor noster Dominus Johannes de Torry, Abbas quondam de Dunfermelyne, dari fecit Domino Ricardo Cumyne, militi, saysinam liberi tenementi terrarum de Cupermaculty et annui redditus de Foidwy quinque marcarum, ac etiam de feodo earundem terrarum cum annuo redditu predicto de Foidwy fecit idem Dominus Abbas predecessor noster dare saysinam David Cumyne filio suo naturali et Christiane sponse sue filie Malizei Dawson et eorum diutius viventi, non obstantibus hiis (?) vobis precipimus et mandamus quatenus saysinam corporalem feodi earundem terrarum cum annuo redditu predicto visis presentibus tradatis Johanni Cumyne filio naturali dicti Domini Ricardi Cumyne, prout in quadam carta inde confecta plenius continetur, salvo jure cujuslibet. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum capelle nostre presentibus est appensum, apud Dunf[ermelyne] xv dye mensis Maii anno Domini m°. cccc°. xv."

(8) THOMAS RAMSAY

(James I, King of Scotland 1406–1437)

Gilbert I was succeeded by Thomas, said to be his son,[1] but again without apparent proof. Thomas is styled 'of Balwharg', from which one is tempted to suggest that Balwharg rather than Bamff may have been his chief place of residence. At any rate our charter No. 10 shows that not only Balwharg but also Balbreky, Ballinkirk, and Latethan were still held by the family. The charter bears no date; but it must have been executed before the 3rd September 1420, when Robert, Duke of Albany, the grantor, died, and was succeeded by his son Murdoch. Thomas Ramsay is said to have died not long after the date of this charter.[2] Among the witnesses are the Duke's son Murdoch, and William Lindsay, Knights, and John Stewart of Lorn. An Inventory of Bamff charters and papers made out in the year 1718[3] records a charter, now lost, which clearly belonged to the time of our Thomas, being dated 20th February 1417, by which Alexander, Earl of Crawford, evidently the second Earl, granted the Wester third of the lands of Auchteralyth to Neil Ramsay of Bamff, his armour-bearer. The natural suggestion seems to be that already made, viz. that this Neil was brother to Thomas and younger son of Gilbert I. Anyhow we shall find the property descending to Thomas's son Finlay.

[1] Douglas.

[2] Id.

[3] No. 463 in the MS. General Inventory of Bamff Charters and Papers drawn up in 1914.

10

CHARTER BY ROBERT, DUKE OF ALBANY, to Thomas Ramsay of Balwharg of the lands of Balbrekie, etc., in Fife : *circa* 1420.

Parchment.

"ROBERTUS, Dux Albanie, Comes de Fiffe et de Mentetht, universis et singulis ad quorum noticiam presentes litere pervenerint, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos dedisse concessisse et hoc presenti scripto nostro confirmasse dilecto nostro scutifero Thome de Ramsai de Balqharg omnes et singulas terras de Balbreky Balnekerk de Antiqua Aula et de Luthelde cum molendino, in manibus nostris quondam resignatas causa cujusdam convencionis talliate inter predictum Thomam de Ramsai et Dominum Johannem de Remorgeny militem, prolocute set minime perimplete; quas quidem terras cum pertinentiis predicto Thome et suis heredibus legittime procreatis cum omnibus justis suis pertinentiis tam subtus terra quam supra spectantibus, de nobis et nostris dictas terras tenentibus, salvis nobis et nostris wardis et releviis et tribus curiis capitalibus cum suis sectis; et predictas terras cum suis justis pertinenciis predicto Thome et suis heredibus contra omnes mortales warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum apud Fawkilland presentibus est appensum, coram hiis testibus, Murdaco Stewart, herede nostro, Willelmo Lyndesai, militibus, Johanne Stewart de Lorn, Willelmo de Arnot, Henrico de Bykirton, scutiferis, et multis aliis in testimonium requisitis premissorum."

(No seal.)

(9) FINLAY

(James I, James II, and James III, Kings of Scotland 1406–1488)

As son and successor of Thomas we have Finlay Ramsay, who is said to have succeeded not long after the year 1420. Of his time we have five charters. The first two, Nos. 11 and 12 (30th April and 17th November 1472), deal with an annual rent or rentcharge issuing out of the lands of Couttie that were granted by arbitrators to the Cummings, by our No. 9. No. 11 is of special interest to the Bamff family as it brings forward representatives of five families, among the oldest connexions and neighbours of Bamff, namely, the Fothringhams of Powrie, Mercers of Aldie, Blairs of Balthyock, Blairs of Ardblair, and especially the Rattrays of Rattray and Craighall, whose lands have marched for centuries with those of Bamff.

On the 12th August 1478 Finlay was appointed on an assize to settle the marches at the Cairnies between James [Livingston], Bishop of Dunkeld, and Walter Stewart of Cluny, laird of the Cairnies. The other 'arbiters and judges', as they are described, were William of Ruthven of that Ilk; Robert of Abercomby of that Ilk, Knight and Sheriff of Perth; William Blair of Ardblair; Duncan of Cardney of that Ilk; John Chawmir (Chambers) of Drumlochy; with three canons. A copy of the Decreet Arbitral pronounced on the occasion is preserved at Blair Castle. Returning to our own charters, No. 13, dated 10th April 1482, is the contract of marriage between Gilbert Ramsay, son of Alexander Ramsay of Woodwrae, and grandson of Finlay Ramsay of Bamff, on the one hand, and Margaret, daughter of James Ogilvy of Airlie, Knight, afterwards 1st Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, on the other hand. The

contract takes the form of an agreement between the parents, James Ogilvy and Alexander Ramsay, with consent of Alexander's father, Finlay. The young people are not in it. The provisions seem very curious. For his daughter's portion "Scher James" binds himself to pay to Alexander Ramsay in St. Ringan's chapel in the Kirkyard of Alyth nine score and ten marks "of ouswaill mone (*usual money*) of Scotland". Of this sum fifty marks (£33 6*s*. 8*d*.) are to be applied in paying off a mortgage on the Mawes; Ogilvy will also bestow twenty marks (£13 6*s*. 8*d*.) on the young couple, for their "suportacion" and use. Alexander will give them as much, while he and his father Finlay pledge themselves to infeft them in the lands of Mawes, when cleared of debt, together with land to the value of five marks a year (£3 6*s*. 8*d*.), either in Bamff or Woodwrae. Lastly, "Scher James" agrees to board the spouses for a year, and also to clothe them suitably for the same time. Nos. 14 and 15 are ancillary documents; the last being the notarial record of the due infeffment of Margaret in the stipulated lands in the presence of her three brothers, Thomas, Archibald, and John. With respect to the sums of money passing under this contract, reference to the Table of Scottish and English coinages printed below will show that the former about this time would only be worth about one-fourth of the English money of the time.

Gilbert died before his father, leaving three sons, Neis II (who succeeded his grandfather), John, and Archibald (No. 32 below).

In 1472 Finlay married, obviously as his second wife, Christian Oliphant; a Papal dispensation for the union had to be obtained; it was granted 31st January 1472.[1] Finlay was still living at the date of our No. 14 charter, 10th April 1483. He had passed away by the 10th October 1487, when, as we learn by a list of title-deeds,[2] a precept of Clare Constat was issued by Alexander

[1] Papal Letters; communicated by Mr. Maitland Thomson.

[2] MS. Inventory of Bamff Charters and Papers, No. 463.

Lindsay, son and heir of the Earl of Crawford, for infefting Alexander Ramsay, as son and heir of the deceased Finlay Ramsay, in the third part of the lands of Auchteralyth. From this we further learn that the property in question had become a Bamff possession, at any rate in the time of Finlay. This Alexander Lindsay, the grantor of the precept, was the wild Master of Lindsay, son of David, the 5th Earl of Crawford, who was smothered in bed in the Castle of Inverquiech near Alyth, 16th Sept. 1439.[1]

Finlay's relict, Christian Oliphant, was living in 1488.[2] As commonly happens in early pedigrees, only the eldest son, Alexander, is mentioned; but the number of collaterals that we shall shortly find appearing suggests that Finlay must have had more sons than one.

11

DECREET ARBITRAL between David Cumming of Couttie and Thomas of Strathearn, about an annual rent: 30th April 1472.

Parchment.

"AT Banchry the last day of Aprile the yhere of God j^{m} cccc. lxxij yheris, we Silvester of Rettray of that Ilke, Alexander of Blare of Bathiok, Willame of Blare of Ardblare, David Foderinghem of Ballewny, David Blare of Bendochty, and Thomas Wardsopar, jugis arbitrouris and amiabil compositouris in al clamys debatis causis and querelis movit betuix David Cumyn of Cowty on the ta parte and Thom of Strathern, son and ayr to umqhwile Richart of Strathern, and David Blare and Cristiane Mersar his spouse, duelland in Kerkow, on the tother part, chosin and nemmit be the consent and assent of bath the said partiis, the said partiis oblist and sworn to byde afaldly (*honestly*) at

[1] Complete Peerage.

[2] Communicated by Mr. Maitland Thomson.

owr decret and we in lyk wise sworn and oblist to gif our decret and sintens in the said clamys debatis causis and querelis eftir owr cunnyng and knawlage, and specialy in the cause movit tuiching the sex markis of annuale rent analiit to umqhwile Richard of Strathern the fader of the said Thom be umqhwile David Cumyn of Cowty, fader of the said David, of the landis of Cowty, the writis resonis and avais of bath the partiis herd and undirstandin, and sine thai removit and callit agayn, and we ryply avisit, determynis decretis and finaly pronuncis that the sayd David Cumyn of Cowty sal pay to the said Thomas of Strathern for al clamys causis debatis and querelis and specialy for the clame of the sayde annuale rent of sex markis of the landis of Cowty and for al rycht that he had has or mycht haf in or to the said annualerent sex markis of usuale mone of Scotland at thir termys folowing, that is to say, twa markis at the fest of Witsonday next folowing the date of thir letters, and other twa markis at the feste of Mertymes in wynter next thar eftir folowing, and at the feste of Witsonday next thareftir other twa markis; ande because the said Thom made the said David Blare duelland in Kerkow his assigna and assignit hym unrevocably to the said annualerent of sex markis of the landis of Cowty forsaide and for the rychtis clamys and interesse that the said Cristian Mersar the spouse of the said David of Blare dwelland in Kerkow and spouse umqhwile of the said Richard had or mycht haf to the said annualerent or til ony parte of it, we ordane and sintencialy pronuncis that the said David Cummyn sal pay to the saydis David of Blare and Cristiane Mersar his spouse twenty and four markis of the said mone at thir termys folowing, that is to say, at the feste of Witsonday next folowing the date of thir letters fife markis sex shillingis and aucht pennyis, and other fife markis sex shillingis and aucht pennyis at the fest of Martymes in wynter next thereftir folowing, and at the Witsonday next thereftir folowand other fife markis sex shillingis and aucht pennyis, and

at the Mertymes in wynter next thereftir folowand fife pundis. In witnes hereof the maste parte of the selys of ws jugis arbitrouris abufe writin ar appensit to this oure decrete yhere day and place before writin."

(Tags for four seals.)

12

Discharge by David Blair in Kercow to David Cumming of Couttie in reference to the same annual rent: 17th November 1472. *Parchment.*

"Be it kende til al men be thir present letters, me David Blare dwelland in Kerkow to haf ressavit throw the handis of ane honorabil squier David Cumyn of Cowty bath on myn awn behalf and als on the behalf of Cristian Marsar the spouse of umqhwile Richard of Strathern now being in house and cumpany with me, for al clamys rychtis and interesse bath that I had in or to the annuale of sex markis of usuale mone of Scotland, analiit heritably to the said umqhwile Richard be umqhwile David Cumyn of Cowty, the fader of the said David Cumyn, out of his landis of Cowty, or that the said Cristian had other be resone of terce or any other maner of way to the said annuale, or til ony parte of it, the some of twenty and four markis of usuale mone of Scotland, and specialy als for the clame and rychtis that I had to the said annuale be resone that I wes unrevocably assignit tyl it be the said Thomas, ayr to the said umqhwile Richard his fader, efter the tenour of the letters giffin be hym to me thareupon;" of which sum of money and annual rent he discharges the said David Cumyn. Having no seal of his own, he has procured the seal of Silvester of Rettray of that Ilk to be appended, at Bendochty before witnesses, David Blare of Bendochty, Sir John Plumbar, vicar of Bendochty, Wil Rogerson, dwelling in Cowpergrange, and others, 17th November 1472.

(Tag for seal.)

13

CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between Gilbert Ramsay, son of Alexander Ramsay of Woodwrae, and Margaret Ogilvy, daughter of Sir James Ogilvy of Airlie: 10th April 1482. *Paper.*

"THIR Indenturis maid at Erly the x day of the moneth of Aprill the yhere of God j^{m} iiij^{c} lxxx^{ti} and ij yheris, proportis and beris in the self that it is apunctit endit and fullely acordit betuex a nobil man James Ogilwy of Erly, knycht, on the ta part, and Alexander Ramsay of the Wodwray, with the consent of his fathir Fyndlaw Ramsay of Banff, on the tother part, in maner furme and effec as eftir folowis, that is to say, that Gilbert Ramsay, sone and appeirande aire to the said Alexander Ramsay of the Wodwray, Godwilland sal spouse mary and haif to wyif Mergret Ogilwy, dochter to the said Scher James Ogilwy, the quhilk mariagh salbe completit solempnyt and endit in the faise (*face*) of haly kyrk betuex the said Gilbert, son, and Mergret, dochter, betuix the dait of this writ and the fest of Witsunday nexit eftir but ony langar delay; for the quhilkis mariagh to be completit and fullely endit the forsaid Scher James sal content assitht and pay to the foirsaid Alexander his airis executouris or assignais the some of nyne scoir of markis and ten markis of ouswaill mone of Scotland in Sanc Rynganeis chapell in the kyrkyarde of Alytht in this maner, that is to say, of the first some fyfty markis to the redempcion of the landis of Mawas pertenyng to the said Fyndlaw and Alexander, betuex this and the Assumpcion Day of Oure Laidy nexit folowand, and at the fest of Sanc Martyn nexit thareeftir folowing twenti markis of the said sowme, and at the fest of Witsunday thaireftir other tuenti markis, and say furtht termly twenti markis at twa termys yherly, Martymmes and Witsunday, ay and quhill the said Alexander his airis executouris or assignais be fullely content assithit and payit of the foirsaid some of nyne scoir of markis

and ten markis; and als the said Scher James sal content and pay to the sad Gilbert Ramsay and Mergret the some of twenti markis to the suportacion of the said Gilbert and Mergret to fill a tyk (*bed, mattress*) to thair awne ouse utilite and prophet; and in lyk wyis the said Alexander Ramsay sal gef thame othir twenti markis to the samyn ouse, to be alowit of the said some. Ande for the said some and payment and outsede (*outset settlement*) of the samyne Scher James sal gef his obligacion in the sickerast wyis can be dewisit be the saide Fyndlaw and Alexander and thair freindis. And atour the said Fyndlaw and Alexander sal infeft the said Gilbert and Mergret his spouse in conjunct fee be charter and possession to be haldin of the Kingis henas (*Highness*), as thai now hald, of al and haill the landis of Mawas eftir thair redempcion, with thair pertinens, lyand in the scherefdome of Pert and within the barony of Banff; and in lyk wyis thai sal infefft thame in fyff markis worth off land in the said barony or of the Wodwray within fourti dayis eftir the redempcion of the said landis of Mawas, and for the costis to be maide heirapone to be ewynly dewidit betuex bath the parteis, and the frankteniment of the fyff markis worth of land to be reserwit to Fyndlaw Ramsay quhill he loiffis (*lives*). And atour the said Scher James sal gef to the forsaid Gilbert and Mergret his spouse a yeris burding eftir the completing of the said mariagh, abilyheament to hir person as acordis; and gef thair be ony thing to be refurmyt for the guid of the said contrak and securite of the samyn, batht the said parteis sal refurme and mak sicker alse oft as thai be requirit in the mast sicker wyis can be dewissit be secht of frendis but inconvenians. And to the observing and keping of the foirnemmyt condicionis batht the said parteis ar oblist and geffin thair seillis enterchangapelly, and to the part remanyng with the said Scher James the said Fyndlaw and Alexander has geffin thair seillis with the subscripcione of thair awne handis, and with the part remanyng with the said Fyndlaw

and Alexander the said Scher James has geffin his seill witht the subscripcion of his awne hand, yher day and plase befoir writing. [Signed] Fynlo Ramsa kepith lawta (*keep faith*); Alex^{r}. Ramsay of the Vodvray."

(Seals lost.)

14

PRECEPT BY FINLAY RAMSAY OF BAMFF for infefting his grandson Gilbert R. and his wife in the lands of Mawes and Petdrey (Pitdray): 10th April 1483. *Parchment.*

"FYNDLAUS RAMSAY, baro baronie de Banff, dilectis meis Malcomo Ogilwy, Andree Ogilwy, Thome Ogilwy, Johanni Lousone, et David Heris, ballivis meis in hac parte specialiter constitutis, salutem. Quia dedi et concessi dilecto nepoti meo Gilberto Ramsay et Margrete sponse sue et eorum alteri diucius viventi et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis omnes et singulas terras meas de Mawas et Petdrey cum pertinentiis, jacentes in baronia de Banff et infra vicecomitatum de Perth: Vobis igitur et vestrum cuilibet precipio et mando quatenus dicto Gilberto et Margrete sponse sue vel eorum certis actornatis latori vel latoribus presencium statum sasinam et possessionem hereditariam omnium et singularum terrarum de Mawas et Petdrey cum pertinentiis juste et sine dilacione secundum tenorem carte mee inde confecte tradatis seu alter vestrum tradat, ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet tenore presencium meam committo potestatem; et in testimonium sasine et possessionis per vos tradite sigillum vestrum post meum appenditis. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum, apud Bardmone die decimo mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo tercio."

(Tag for a seal.)

15

Sasine of Gilbert Ramsay and his wife in the lands of Mawes and Pitdray : 8th July 1483. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 8th July 1483, of Gilbert Ramsay, son and apparent heir of Alex. R. son and apparent heir of Fynlau R., and Margaret Ogylwi, spouse of the said Gilbert, in the lands of Mawis and Peddrey, in terms of the foregoing precept. Thomas Ogyllvy, son of Sir James Ogylvi of Arle, gives sasine as bailie, and Margaret Ogilvie receives the same in the hands of Patrick Ogylvi of Kelebrocht as her attorney. Done upon the lands about 10 a.m. in presence of Archibald Ogylui and John Ogylvi, sons of the said Sir James, Adam Ogylvi, Alexander Sanderis, William Quhoman, and Walter Alexanderson. The notary is Alexander Gaw, priest of the diocese of Dunkeld.

(10) ALEXANDER I

(James III and James IV, Kings of Scotland 1460–1513)

Alexander Ramsay, the son of Finlay, must have succeeded his father between the 10th April 1483 and the 10th October 1487 as already mentioned. The six charters of his time, our Nos. 16–21, make a beginning of the long series of acts and deeds by which the lands of Drumflogne or Drumflognies, now the Drumheads, in the parish of Glenisla in Forfarshire, were acquired bit by bit and added to Bamff. No. 16 vests one-third of the property in Alexander; No. 17 vests a sixth in one Margaret Herries, Lady of Auchteralyth, near Alyth; while Nos. 18–21 record various acts and proceedings vesting another third in Adam Crichton of Ruthven, Knight, under charter from John, 6th Earl of Crawford.

Alexander is only credited with one son, Gilbert, but we find grounds for suggesting that Master Finlay and his brother David (Nos. 33 and 45 below) were his sons; the connexion of Robert, Walter, and Alexander Ramsay seems obscure. Gilbert died before him; Alexander himself passed away before the 31st July 1504, when his grandson Neis, Gilbert's son, came into possession. Alexander, as a good churchman, kept a chaplain, "Sir Alexander Pouler" (Pullar ?), who lived to give evidence in 1534 in a dispute as to the marches between Bamff and the Hill of Alyth (below, No. 45).

16

Sasine of Alexander Ramsay in a third part of Drumflogne (now the Drumheads): 13th November 1487.

" In Dei nomine, Amen. Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat evidenter quod anno Incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo septimo mensis Novembris die vero decimo tercio, Indictione quinta pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Innocentii divina providentia Pape octavi anno quarto,[1] in mei notarii publici et testium presencia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Walterus Ogstone de eodem ac dominus superior tercie partis terrarum de Dromflogne jacentium in baronia de Crag (The Craig) de Glenyllay et infra vicecomitatum de Forfar, accessit ad unam terciam partem terrarum de Dromflogne et ibidem per traditionem terre et lapidis dedit exhibuit ac deliberavit honorabili viro Alexandro Ramsay saysinam possessionem et statum hereditarium totius et integre dicte tercie partis terrarum de Dromflogne cum pertinentiis ipsumque Alexandrum secundum vim formam et tenorem sue carte sibi desuper confecte in realem actualem et corporalem possessionem ejusdem tercie partis terrarum de Dromflogne cum pertinentiis induxit et pacifice investivit salvo jure cujuslibet ut est moris nullo ibidem reclamante vel contradicente. Super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus Alexander a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit unum vel plura publicum seu publica instrumentum seu instrumenta. Acta erant hec super solum dicte tercie partis terrarum de Dromflogne hora quasi undecima ante merediem vel eocirca sub anno die mense indictione et pontificatu quibus supra, presentibus ibidem honorabilibus et honestis viris David Ogstone fratre germano dicti

[1] The Indiction is given correctly; but as Innocent VIII was elected 29th August, and crowned 12th September 1484, he could only have entered on his third year in November 1487.

Walteri, Gilberto Fentone, Thoma Ogistone, et David Cargill, cum diversis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter et rogatis.

Et Ego Henricus Lindesay clericus Sanctiandree diocesis publicus auctoritatibus imperiali et regia notarius, quia premissis omnibus et singulis dum sic ut premittitur agerentur dicerentur et fierent una cum prenominatis testibus presens interfui, eaque omnia et singula sic fieri vidi scivi dici et audivi ac in notam cepi et in hanc publicam formam redegi, ideo hoc publicum instrumentum manu aliena fideliter scriptum exinde confeci signoque nomine meis solitis et consuetis signavi rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium veritatis omnium premissorum."

17

Sasine of Margaret Herries in one-sixth part of Drumflogne: 6th November 1496. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 6th November 1496, of Margaret Hirys, one of the heirs of the deceased Andrew Heris, and lady of the third part of the lands of Owchteralycht, in a sixth part of the lands of Drumflogne, in the barony of Crag, sheriffdom of Forfar, on Letters patent by Dame Elizabeth Howgstown, and Adam Hebburn, knight, her spouse, lady superior of Crag, directed to Gilbert Fenton in Ester Crag as bailie to give sasine. Done on the ground of the lands about 11 a.m. in presence of John Barnis, Donald of Gyllcrocht and John Gillcrocht, John Tonson and Robert Gillenders. The notary is Henry Bryse (?), priest of the diocese of St. Andrews.

18

Charter by John, Earl of Crawford, to Adam Crichton of Ruthven, Knight, of the third part of Drumflogne: 21st November 1498. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Charter by John, Earl of Crawford, to Adam Crechtoun of Ruthwenis, knight, for his good service, of his lands of the third part of Drumflognee, with pertinents, in the barony of the Crage

of Glenylay, in the sheriffdom of Forfar, holding from the grantor and his heirs as the lord or lords superior of the lands of Drumflogne, paying to the superior 1*d.* Scots at Whitsunday in name of blench if asked. Dated at Finevin, 21st November 1498; witnesses, Andrew Arrot, Master Henry Lindesay, Sir Robert Smal, chaplain, James Crechtoun, and William Burgh. [Signed] "John, Erl of Crawfurd."

(Grantor's seal appended.)

19

PRECEPT OF SASINE BY JOHN, EARL OF CRAWFORD, in favour of Adam Crichton of Ruthven, to infeft him in a third part of Drumflogne: 21st November 1498.

"JOHANNES COMES CRAUFURDIE, etc., dilectis meis Jacobo Crechtoun, Nicholaio Morisone, Georgio Feiche et Alexandro Tendale ac eorum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim ballivis meis in hac parte irrevocabiliter constitutis, salutem. Quia dedi concessi et alienavi hereditarie dilecto meo Ade Crechtoun de Routhwenis militi omnes et singulas terras tercie partis de Drumflogne cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de le Crage de Glenyla et infra vicecomitatum de Forfar, prout in carta mea dicto Ade desuper confecta plenius continetur: Vobis igitur et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim do in mandatis ac precipio et firmiter mando quatinus dicto Ade Crechtoun militi vel suo certo actornato latori presentium sasinam statum et possessionem hereditariam omnium et singularum terrarum dicte tercie partis de Drumflogne cum pertinentiis juste deliberetis et haberi faciatis seu alter vestrum conjunctim et divisim juste deliberet seu haberi faciat secundum tenorem carte mee quam inde habet, visis presentibus indilate et hoc nullo modo omittatis; ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim meam plenariam et irrevocabilem tenore presentium committo potestatem per presentes. Scriptum sub sigillo meo unacum subscriptione

mea manuali apud Finevin vicesimo primo die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octavo, coram hiis testibus, Andrea Arrot, Magistro Henrico Lindesay, Domino Roberto Smal, capellano, Jacobo Creichtoun, et Wilelmo Burgh, cum diversis aliis. [Signed] John Erll of Crawfurd."

(Seal.)

20

CONFIRMATION BY ROBERT HERRIES of Balhary of the above Charter No. 18 : 15th December 1498. (Latin) *Parchment.*

ROBERT HERYS of Balharre confirms the above charter (No. 18, which is recited in full), the chaplain's name who is witness being written "Smaw". Dated at Balfour, 15th December 1498 ; witnesses, John Ogilvy of Fyngask, knight, Archibald and Olifer Ogilwy, brothers german of the said John O., David Stewart, John Bernis (?), Alexander Bettoun, William Burgh, and Sir Alexander Gaw, chaplain and notary.

(Part of seal.)

21

PRECEPT OF SASINE IN FAVOUR OF ADAM CRICHTON of Ruthven : 27th March 1501. *Parchment.*

ADAM HEPBURN of the Craggis of Glennilay and Elizabeth Ogystoun his spouse direct Gilbert Fenton, as their bailie, to give infeftment to Adam Crechtoun of Ruchtven, knight, of the lands of the third part of Drumflogny, with pertinents, lying in their barony of the Craggis of Glennylay, conform to their charter to him. The precept is dated at Edinburgh, 27th March 1501 ; witnesses, Sir John Ogylvy of Fyngask, knight, John Ogylvy, James Larmond, John Ogyll, Gilbert Fyntone, Nichol Morysone, George Fethy, and Stephen Newtoun.

(The seal of Elizabeth Ogston is entire, but Hepburn's seal is almost gone, and the bailie's seal is lost.) On the back is what appears to be the signature of "Dauid Erl of Crawfurd" ; this should be the 8th Earl, 1517–1547.

(11) NEIS II

(James V, King of Scotland 1513–1542)

Neis Ramsay II was the son of Gilbert, who was married to Margaret Ogilvy in 1482. But Gilbert died during the life of his father Alexander, and so Neis came into possession at the death of his grandfather, in 1504. Of Neis's time we have fourteen documents. The first six charters (Nos. 22–27) record his admission to different parts of the property, beginning 31st July 1504. To these we may add documents of which the memory is only preserved by an Inventory,[1] being a precept of Clare Constat by John, 6th Earl of Crawford, for infefting Neis in the third part of Auchteralyth, and an instrument of Sasine thereon, dated 27th March 1506. Neis was then under age, but that circumstance was no bar to his admission to outlying properties not held of the Crown; the barony, being held of the Crown, would be subject to wardship. On the 5th October 1507 Neis was found of age; and on the 13th November following finally obtained seisin of the barony. The reader will notice that the barony is valued at £40 a year; but that a note is added to the effect that 'in the time of the peace' the value had been 40 marks (£26 13*s.* 4*d.*). 'The time of the peace' meant the good old days of Alexander III, before the wars with England began, when a valuation for the purposes of taxation had been made; it had been found too low and a fresh valuation was taken; but the old assessment was retained as the rating for the forty-shilling county franchise introduced from England. It is satisfactory to see that in spite of the wars property had risen in value.

Charter No. 28 records the sale of Ardormy, one of the original farms of the barony, by Andrew Murray of Ardormy to John Scrymgeour of Glastrie. Above we found the farm saddled with

[1] No. 463 in MS. Inventory of Bamff Charters and Papers.

an annual rent of forty shillings (No. 7). Now it seems to have passed wholly away. The Glastrie is a moor adjoining Ardormy on the north, and now part of Bamff.

I regret to say that Neis was rather a troublesome neighbour. Nos. 29–32 all refer to disputes as to the marches between Bamff and the Hill of Alyth, in which I am sorry to say that we find Neis taxed with encroaching, if not with bad faith; while in immediate sequence on this, we have him in No. 33 delivering in court an indignant protest against the acts of the Sheriff-depute of Perth. For Neis it must be said that the Bamff encroachments on the Hill of Alyth were alleged to go back to the time of Gilbert I! Neis's troubles seem eventually to have been such as to call for Royal protection, which was extended to him and his lands for one year (23rd February 1526–7, Charter No. 35). Charter No. 34 refers to the lands at Couttie near Coupar-Angus, at one time connected with Bamff.

Neis II must have died before 29th October 1530, when his son Alexander II was admitted to Bamff. Neis married Janet Auchinleek, who survived him.[1] His mother, Margaret Ogilvy, apparently outlived him, as we gather from Charter No. 36 that Easter Mawes and Pitdray were apparently still in her hands (29th October 1530).

The "Red Cross near Alyth", at which a protestation on behalf of Neis in connexion with the disputed march was delivered (No. 30), was clearly the cross more fully described below (No. 45) with the supposed arms of the Crawfords and the Ramsays, to which I have referred as evidence of the early development of the legend of Nessus, the King's Physician, and the White Serpent.

No. 22 gives an interesting list of Forfarshire lairds; No. 26, of lairds of East Perthshire; and No. 28, a full list of the King's Ministers of the time.

[1] Acta Dominorum Concilii et Sessionis, v. 192; Maitland Thomson.

22

RETOUR OF THE SERVICE OF NEIS RAMSAY as heir to his grandfather, Alexander R., in Eastertown of Woodwrae and the third part of Drumflogne: 31st July 1504. (Latin) *Parchment.*

AT Dundee, in the tolbooth thereof, on 31st July 1504, in presence of Andrew, Lord Gray, sheriff of Forfarshire, the assise following found that Alexander Ramsay, grandfather of Neis Ramsay, died infeft in the lands of the Estertone of Wodwray with pertinents, bounded as is set forth in an old charter, lying in the barony of Aberlennoch, in the sheriffdom of Forfar, and in the third part of the lands of Drumflogne with pertinents, in the barony of The Crage of Ylay, within the said sheriffdom; that the said Neis is lawful and nearest heir to him, and is of lawful age; that the lands of Eastertoun of Wodwray are now valued at £10 yearly, and in time of peace at £5; that they are held blench of David Oliver of Gagis, one of the portioners of Abbirlennoch, paying yearly 1*d.* silver at Lousylaw, if asked; and have been in the hands of the said David Oliver, as superior, for two months by reason of non-entry; while the lands of the third part of Drumflogne are now valued at 40*s.* yearly, and in time of peace at 20*s.*, and are held blench of Elizabeth Ogstone, baroness of the barony of the Cragg of Ylay, and have been in the hands of her and Adam Holburn her spouse, as superiors, for the above space. The names of the jury are: John, Lord Ogilvy, Alexander Lyndesay of Ouchtermouse, Alexander Guthre of that Ilk, William Maxwale of Tellin, Thomas Mawle of Panmure, Adam Crychtone of Rothwendave, Alexander Crawmond of Aldbar, knights; John Erskin of Dun, younger, Nichol Fotheringham of Powry, John Ogilvy of Innerquarite, Alexander Strathachin of Brigtone, John Gardin of that Ilk, David Rollok of Menmuir, Thomas Fentone of Ogill, John Gardin of Burrofeld, Robert Strathachin of Balhussy, David Kynnere of that Ilk, Hugh Watterstone of that Ilk, and Walter Ramsay of Arbeke.

(Seals of four jurymen are appended.)

23

Requisition by Neis Ramsay for Sasine as heir to his grandfather: 18th December 1505. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Notarial Instrument, dated 18th December 1505, reciting that Neis Ramsay compeared having in his hands a Brief from Chancery directed to the baron of the barony of Cragg-le-Yla and his bailies, to infeft him as heir to Alexander R. of Bamff, his grandfather (*no lands mentioned*). Accordingly Adam Hepburn, baron as he alleged of the foresaid barony, assigned to the said Neis Ramsay the 24th day of January next for the purpose of receiving sasine at his hands. Done in the collegiate church of St. Giles, Edinburgh, about 10 a.m., in presence of John Sinclare of Hirdmanstoun, John Ramsay in Petgorno, John Inglis, and Robert Ramsay. Edward Bog, priest of the diocese of St. Andrews, and notary public, appends his docquet.

24

Precept of Clare Constat by John, Earl of Crawford, in favour of Neis Ramsay as heir to his grandfather: *c.* 1505. (Latin) *Parchment.*

"Johannes Lyndesay, Comes Crafurde ac Dominus et baro baronie de Alycht dilectis meis Roberto Ramsay, Valtero Ramsay, et Alexandro Ramsay, ballivis meis in hac parte conjunctim et divisim, Quia mihi notum est quod Nesius Ramsay, lator presentium, est legitimus et propinquior heres quondam Alexandro Ramsay de Banff, avo suo, de totis et integris terris tercie partis terrarum de Achteralycht cum pertinentiis, jacentibus in baronia mea de Alycht et infra vicecomitatum de Pertht, et quod de me tenentur in capite: Vobis igitur et cujuslibet vestrum conjunctim et divisim precipio et mando visis presentibus statum saisinam et possessionem hereditariam dictarum terrarum tercie partis

de Achteralycht cum pertinentiis dicto Nesio vell suo certo actornato latori presentium tradatis seu alter vestrum tradat secundum tenorem sue vetere infeodacionis, salvo jure cujuslibet; ad quod faciendum vobis et cujuslibet vestrum conjunctim et divisim meam committo irrevocabilem potestatem; et in signum saisine sigillum dantis in secunda cauda post meum aponitur. In cujus rei testimonium sigilum meum presentibus est appensum, apud " (*unfinished*).

(No seal.)

25

Sasine of Neis Ramsay in the third part of Drumflogne: 23rd January 1505–6. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 23rd January 1505, of Neis Ramsay, as heir to the deceased Alexander Ramsay, his grandsire, in the third part of the lands of Drumflogne, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Cragg-le-Yla. Gilbert Fenton gives sasine, on a precept directed to him by Adam Hebborn of the Craiggis of the barony of Cragg-le[-Y]lay, to whom a precept from Chancery was issued. Hepburn's precept is dated at Edinburgh, 28th December 1505. Sasine was given about 2 p.m. at the town of Drumflogne, in presence of Robert Gillendris, John Cusne, William Gilmoill, and Robert Ramsay. John Gallua, priest of the diocese of St. Andrews, is notary.

Fenton's note of the giving of sasine is on the back.

26

Retour of Neis Ramsay to his grandfather in the barony of Banff: 5th October 1507. (Latin) *Parchment.*

At Perth, 5th October 1507, in presence of William Ruthwen of that Ilk, knight, Sheriff of Perth, the assise following found that Alexander Ramsay of Banff, grandfather of Nece Ramsay,

died infeft in the barony of Banff, with pertinents, in the shire of Perth; that the said Nece is nearest and lawful heir to him, and is of lawful age; that the barony is now valued at £40 yearly, but in the time of the peace was valued at 40 marks (£26 6*s*. 8*d*.), and is held of the Crown for service of ward and relief; that the same has been in the hands of the Crown for three years, until the true and lawful heir has now reached his lawful age to pursue his own right. The names of the jury are: John Ratre of that Ilk, knight, Henry Mercer of Mekillour, John Ros of Crago, James Ogilby of Inchmertin, Andrew Murra of Ogilby, Andrew Hering of Glasclune, Patrick Butter of Gormok, David Scrimgeour of Fordil, John Kynnard of Inchstur, William Chawmer of Drumlouchy, Andrew Cardein of Fos, Andrew Currour of Logymegil, John Eviot of Balhoussie, John Rothwen of Cragingal, and John Ross of Kippenros.

(No seals attached.)

27

Sasine of Neis Ramsay in the barony of Banff: 13th November 1507. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 13th November 1507, of "Nigellus" Ramsay in the lands of Banff, in terms of a precept from Chancery directed to Sir William Roththven of that Ilk, knight, Sheriff of Perth, who gave command to John Busch, one of the mairs of the sheriffdom, to give sasine. This was done in one of the principal houses of the said lands of the barony of Banf, about 10 a.m., in presence of John Herrys, John Slycht, Thomas Inscho, Richard Stormont, and David How. The notary is Alexander Gaw, priest of the diocese of Dunkeld.

28

(Latin) *Parchment.*

King James IV confirms a Charter by Andrew Murray of Ardormy to Master John Skrimgeoure of Glastre of his lands of Ardormy, with pertinents, in the sheriffdom of Perth, for 400 marks; to be held of the Crown for the services used and wont. If molested by the grantor or his successors on account of ward, relief, non-entry, &c., the 400 marks which he has paid for the lands to be refunded. The charter is dated at Cullow, 4th June 1509, witnesses being, Thomas Murray, the grantor's grandson (*nepote meo*) and apparent heir, David Murray, the grantor's son (*filio meo*), Thomas Murray, the grantor's brother, Charles Dempster, James Scrimgeour, burgess of Dundee, and Laurence Strogeith. The Confirmation is dated at Edinburgh, 24th April 1510, witnesses being, Alexander [Stewart], Archbishop of St. Andrews, Chancellor; William [Elphinstone], Bishop of Aberdeen, Keeper of the Privy Seal; Andrew [Stewart], Bishop of Caithness, Treasurer; Archibald, Earl of Argyle, Lord Campbell and Lorne, Master of the Household; Matthew, Earl of Lennox, Lord Darnley; Alexander, Lord Hume, Chamberlain; Andrew, Lord Gray, Justiciar; Master Gawin Dunbar, Archdeacon of St. Andrews, Clerk Register; Master Patrick Painteir, King's Secretary; Master Robert Colvile of Uchiltre, Director of Chancery.

(Great Seal attached.)

29

Decreet as to Common of Pasture of the tenants of Kirklandbank not to be disturbed by Neis Ramsay.

Extract Decreet and Rolment of Court given by the deceased William Ruthven of that Ilk, Sheriff of Perth, on 5th April 1513, by the aid of the following assise, viz. John Rattray of that Ilk, knight, John Crychton of Rogerton, knight, Henry Merser of

Meklour, John Ross of Cragy, John Fergusson of Downe, John Dullye, Walter Rowan of Lowan, David Scrymgeor of Fardill, Robert Berclay of Strowy, Walter Oliphant of Ardquhalzie, David Cardny of the Foss, Walter Cargill of Kinloch, Andrew Moncur of that Ilk, John Kinnaird of Inchture, James Ogilvy of Inchmertine, Andrew Murray of Ogilby, David Chalmers of Strethy, Alexander Butter of Caclie, and David Currour) against Nische Ramsay of Bamff, finding that George, Bishop of Dunkeld, and his predecessors and their tenants " of the Kirkland of the Kirk of Alyth callit the Kirklandbank " have been in peaceable possession of common pasture for their beasts, winning of fuel, casting turves and peats, in the Hill and Myre of Alyth past memory of man, without interruption, till of late Nethe Ramsay of the Bamff at his own hand without order of law has stopped them; and ordaining the Bishop and his successors and tenants to enjoy the same peaceably until orderly put therefrom. Nesche Ramsay of the Bamff protested that this should not prejudge his right and heritage.

30

PROTESTATION ON BEHALF OF NEIS RAMSAY of Bamff respecting a perambulation of the lands of Alyth: 17th May 1513.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

NOTARIAL Instrument by John Gallua (Galloway), priest of the diocese of St. Andrews, reciting that Henry Ramsay of Reddy, as procurator for Neis Ramsay of Bamff, compeared at the Red Cross near Alyth and explained to the notary that the said Neis Ramsay was present and ready at the Red Cross in the parish of Alyth with three persons, viz. John Afflek in Woodhill, Master Finlay Ramsay, and the foresaid Henry Ramsay, in terms of an agreement between the said Neis and Thomas Ogilwy of " Cloffa " (Clova); which three persons offered to take upon

them the decision of all debates mentioned in the agreement, and give their bodily oath, if the said Thomas Ogilwy would exhibit to them the foresaid agreement, letters patent thereupon, and letters of procuratory from John, Earl of Crawford, who was alleged to be lord superior of the town and lands of Alyth. Thereupon the said Henry Ramsay, procurator foresaid, declared that he and his associates could not undertake to determine these actions, because the agreement expressly required the said persons to deliver in the said matter, and such deliverance was to have the force of a perambulation of the lands of Alyth, but there was no one who had sufficient standing in these lands of Alyth to authorize a perambulation. Nevertheless the said Henry offered to act if the said Thomas would find sufficient caution that John, Earl of Crawford, had standing in these lands and power to authorize perambulation. James Crechton, procurator for the said Earl, protested in the contrary; and the said Henry asked instruments. Done about 11 a.m. in presence of Patrick Scrimzheour, John Chawmer of Drumloquhy, Alexander Steuart, William Blar, and John Ogilwy of Banator.

31

Decreet as to Marches between Bamff and the Hill of Alyth.

Extract Decreet of the Sheriff of Perth, 23rd May 1514, reciting that the assise following, viz. Robert Douglas, younger of Lochlevin, George Moncrieff of Tibbermalloch, Andrew Messar of Gilcirston, Thomas Ogilvy of Cloway, Robert Berklay of Strowy, Thomas Murray in Trewll, Andrew Oliphant, Andrew Coscheat of Monzie, Nesche Ramsay of the Bamff, Hew of Moncreif, Thomas Moncreiff, Mitchell Ramsay Murray (*sic*), John Hereis, found that Thomas Ogilvy of Alyth and his predecessors have peaceably possessed the lands of Alyth " and Hill of the samyn ", holding of Alexander, Earl of Crawford, beyond memory of man

without interruption, till " umquhill Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff allegeit and claimit ane pretendit interest to the Hill of the samyn but ony just title, the quhilk hill extends on the north syde to the Crawberry Myre and on the west syde as the river of Aitkin burne runs in Queyth ", and ordained the said Thomas to possess the same till lawfully dispossessed; and the same day found that Nesche Ramsay of the Bamff has not kept or fulfilled the agreement between him and Thomas Ogilvy of Cloway " tuiching the action contenit in our soverane Lordis letters, and failyiet into his defalt ", and has thus incurred the penalty of £40 therein contained.

32

Submission by Neis Ramsay in a dispute with Donald Fortay: 7th December 1516. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Notarial Instrument by William Heries, priest of the diocese of St. Andrews, reciting that Nech Ramsay of Banf compeared and offered to stand by the determination of arbiters to be chosen between him and Donald Fortay, in terms to a precept directing the said arbitration to take place at this ensuing term of Epiphany. Done in the parish church of Blayr in Gowry, near the high altar, about 11 a.m. in presence of John Chalmer of Drumloquhy, John Blayr of Artblayr, David Butter, and Neis's brothers John and Archibald Ramsay.

33

Protestation by Neis Ramsay of Bamff against the Sheriff-depute of Perth: 3rd March 1516–17. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Notarial Instrument by James Edward, priest of the diocese of St. Andrews, reciting that Nech Ramsay of Banff compeared in presence of John Ewoat of Balhoussye, Sheriff-depute of Perth, sitting in judgement, and declared that the said John was unlawful

judge to him in respect that he had cited the said John before the King and his Council for a "spuilzie";[1] also he was insufficiently summoned to this court, the sergeant's or mair's name being expressed not in the precept but in the margin thereof; and he protested against Master Alexander Makbrak, clerk to the said court, because he was procurator for Donald Fortay and Janet Collye his spouse, adversaries of the said Nech. Likewise the said Nech offered to the said John Ewoat the copy of the summons, and also produced a decreet arbitral between him and Donald Fortay subscribed by Patrick Ratray, David Ramsay, and Finlay Ramsay; and took instruments thereupon. Done in the said court about 11 a.m. in presence of Henry Ogilvo, Thomas Scrimgeour, Alexander Patonson, and Alexander Ogilvy.

34

PRECEPT BY JAMES [BEATOUN], ARCHBISHOP OF ST. ANDREWS, for Sasine of John Cumming in the 16½ merk lands of Cultirmacowty (Couttie near Coupar-Angus): 26th July 1525. *Parchment.*

"JACOBUS, miseratione divina Sancti andree Archiepiscopus, tocius regni Scocie Primas, legatus natus, Commendatariusque perpetuus monasterii de Dunfermling, cum consensu et assensu conventus dicti monasterii, dilectis nobis in Cristo filiis Georgio Halyburtoun de Gask, Jacobo Halyburtoun, ballivis nostris in hac parte specialiter constitutis, salutem cum benedictione divina. Quia alias sexdecim mercate terrarum cum dimedia de Cultirmacowty, cum pertinentiis, jacentes ad umbram infra regalitatem nostram de Dunfermling et vicecomitatem de Pertht, pertinentes hereditarie Johanni Cumyne de nobis tanquam Commendatario dicti monasterii et conventu ejusdem in capite tente, pro summa ducentarum viginti librarum monete Scocie super dicto Johanne pro warda relevio et non introitu terrarum

[1] Spoiling, say, robbery.

suarum de Cultirmacowty per nos recuperata de supremi Domini nostri Regis mandato per suas litteras patentes appriciate fuerunt, ut in processibus desuper fulminatis continetur, et in defectu solutionis et bonorum mobilium dicti Johannis Cumyne pro superexpressata summa distringibilium prefate sexdecim mercate terrarum cum dimedia nobis date concesse et adjudicate fuerunt infra septennium redimende secundum tenorem acti Parliamenti super appriciatione et redempcione terrarum confecti: Nuper autem dilectus noster Johannes Moncur de Ballony, nomine et ex parte dicti Johannis Cumyne, prefatam summam ducentarum viginti librarum pro redempcione hujusmodi sexdecim mercatarum terrarum cum dimedia sic ut premittitur appriciatarum, ex eo quod ut asserit idem Johannes Cumyne certas terras prefato Johanni Moncur pertinentes pro suo relevamine de prefata summa sibi appriciari fecit, nobis die date presencium in pecunia numerata gratanter persolvit, terras prescriptas legittime relaxavit, et in tempore debito infra spacium septem annorum per solucionem premissam recuperavit et redemit: Vobis igitur et vestrum cuilibet ballivis nostris in hac parte conjunctim et divisim precepimus et mandamus quatenus visis presentibus indilate dicto Johanni Cumyne vel suo certo attornato latori presencium statum saisinam et possessionem hereditariam omnium et singularum predictarum sexdecim mercatarum terrarum cum dimedia de Cultyrmacowty cum pertinentiis de nobis conventuque predicto et nostris successoribus similiter et adeo libere in futurum tenendarum sicuti ante predictam appriciationem tenebantur, tradetis et deliberetis per terre et lapidis tradicionem ut moris est, justeque haberi faciatis, et sine dilatione, et hoc nullo modo omittatis, ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim nostram plenariam et irrevocabilem committimus potestatem. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum rotundum unacum sigillo comuni dicti nostri monasterii presentibus sunt appensa, apud Edinburgh die vicesimo sexto mensis Julii anno Domini

millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quinto; presentibus ibidem, venerabilibus viris Magistris Andrea Marschell, canonico Glasguense, David Mowbray, vicario de Carnebee, Willelmo Skyrlyng, et Magistro Thoma Crag, notario in premissis, cum diversis aliis. [Signed] Ja. Commendatarius de Dunfermeling."

(Tags for two seals.)

35

PROTECTION TO NEIS RAMSAY of Bamff and his lands for one year: 23rd February 1526–7. *Parchment.*

"JACOBUS Dei gratia Rex Scotorum, Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis nos dilectum nostrum Nisium Ramsay de Banff terras suas homines suos et universas eorundem possessiones ac omnia bona sua mobilia et inmobilia sub firma pace et protectione nostra juste suscepisse: Quare firmiter inhibemus ne quis eiis malum molestiam injuriam seu gravamen aliquod inferre presumat injuste super nostram plenariam forisfacturam; presentibus post annum minime valituris. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras sibi fieri fecimus patentes, apud Dundee vicesimo tercio die mensis Februarii anno regni nostri decimo quarto. Protectio pro Nisio Ramsay de Banff."

On the back is noted that on 23rd February 1526 Robert Maule of Panmure, Sheriff-depute of Forfar, proclaimed this protection at the market cross of Dundee "on ane mercat day in tym of the seit of the justice air"; witnesses, John Ogilby, Wat Jameson, Robert Peblis, and Thom Carale.

(12) ALEXANDER II

(James V, King of Scotland 1513–1542)

Of the time of Alexander Ramsay, the son of Neis II and Janet Auchinleck, we have twelve charters. He took seisín of the barony of Bamff, saving certain excepted parts, on the 29th October 1530 (Charter No. 36). But a Royal charter not among the Bamff papers informs us that on the previous 26th February he had, with the consent of his curator Master Ahrahe (*sic*) Creichtoun, sold and conveyed one-half of Kinkedly to Alexander Rattray, his heirs and assigns. From this we gather that Alexander must have come of age between the 26th February and the 29th October 1530 (Appendix A, No. 1).

Our charters Nos. 37, 38, and 40 record the repurchase for 1,000 marks (£666 13*s.* 4*d.*) of Easter Mawes, forfeited for non-entry for fifty years—one of the snares of feudal law. Entry, i. e. taking formal possession, involved payment of "relief", one year's rent; if a man avoided taking entry he had to pay for every year of delay. Nos. 39 and 41 invest John Crichton of Ruthven in one-third of Drumflogne, as heir to his grandfather Adam Crichton (Nos. 16–21 above). John Crichton himself may be taken to have been Alexander's father-in-law, the man who fell at Pinkie (10th September 1547). Nos. 42 and 43 introduce two several thirds of Auchteralyth, one third being conveyed to David Ogilvy, the other to Helen Herries or Harris. No. 46 records a settlement of the marches of Couttie between John Cumming of Couttie and the Abbots of Coupar and Dunfermline; while No. 47 is a lease by George Crichton, Bishop of Dunkeld, of the teinds or tithes of Bamff for nineteen years in favour of David Wood of the Craig, described as the King's Comptroller. But by far the most interesting documents of the set are Nos. 44

and 45, detailing the proceedings connected with the settlement of the marches between the Newton of Bamff and the Hill of Alyth. The encroachments of Bamff on the grazing rights of the men of Alyth had been matter of complaint from the beginning of the century (see Nos. 29–32 above). But the proceedings in the present case arose out of complaints on the part of Alexander himself of the fraudulent abstraction of documents, and a wilful withholding of evidence as to the marches in question, as he alleged, to his great hurt and skaith. He appealed for redress to "Halie Kirk", and obtained from the Commissary-General of the Bishop of Dunkeld an order addressed to all curates and chaplains of the parishes of Alyth, Ruthven, and Rattray, requiring them under penalty of suspension to summon all their parishioners, and others having any knowledge of the marches between Bamff and Alyth, to come forward and declare the same (28th May 1534, No. 44). With respect to the heading of the order as a Granatour or Grainter Decreet, I may explain that the grainter (French *grènetier*) was the official who had charge of the barns or granaries of the abbey, and received the rents paid in kind; he was probably the chief executive officer. But to go on with our story: on the 14th June Alexander presented himself in the church at Alyth, during High Mass, and formally tendered the commissary's order to "Sir David Freirtoun", vicar pensioner of Alyth, who forthwith read the same (in very lay Latin) from the pulpit 'in open proclamation' (No. 45).

The call for evidence met with the readiest response. First, "Sir Alexander Pouler" (Pullar?), formerly chaplain to Alexander's grandfather Alexander I, made a statement as to documents formerly in the choir of the church at Alyth, but then not to be found. After that two delegations or committees, of ten and twelve men, representing Bamff and Alyth, came forward to declare their testimony, the result being a final joint decision. This must have been reduced to writing by the notary, then and there,

as the whole details were finally read out by "Sir Alexander Pouler", the ex-chaplain, and David Ramsay, the head of the Bamff delegation, described as brother to "Maister Finlay Ramsay". Five mortal hours the proceedings lasted, namely from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (No. 45).

The notary whose "Instrument" records the proceedings was "Schir Alexander Ramsay", as he describes himself, chaplain and notary public, whose protocol book is preserved at Bamff. He gives the above description of himself under the date of the 22nd October 1530. But entries dated in 1502, if written by him at the time, would throw the date of his birth back at least to 1480. His close connexion with the family cannot be doubted. The entries in his book all refer to matters in the immediate neighbourhood of Bamff, and one entry is marked as "wryttyn at Banf". He might be identified with Alexander mentioned in No. 24, and was perhaps a grandson of Finlay. He apparently had a brother, Master William, mentioned as "joint notary". But we shall hear more of him in connexion with the life of George I. To go back to our charter No. 45, it tells of yet another Ramsay, Henry by name, who appears as a witness; but his connexion with the family was apparently more remote. Lastly, to this record of the marches of Bamff and the Hill of Alyth we owe the notice of the Red Cross with the "picture" of the pair of shears and "the manner of a ball" between the "plaits" of the shears on one side, as the arms or cognizance of Bamff, with on the other side a sword pointing up to a man's head, as 'the arms of the Earl of Crawford'. As a cognizance of an Earl of Crawford a sword with a man's head on it might seem quite appropriate, but Heraldry appears to know nothing of it.

Alexander, as we have seen, must have come of age between the 26th February and the 29th October 1530. He can only have been a very short time in possession, perhaps little more than five

years. He was admitted on the 29th October 1530, and was said to have died about the year 1535. So says a deposition taken in 1567 (No. 47 A). But Alexander's son and heir George came of age 21st May 1556 (Nos. 56 and 57). He must, therefore, have been born by the 21st May 1535; but Alexander left another son by name David, so that he must surely have lived on some time after the 21st May 1535, unless David was posthumous, as he probably was, as we shall find George charged with twenty-one years of wardship, as if he had been in ward since the day of his birth.

Alexander II married Elizabeth Crichton, apparently daughter of John Crichton of Ruthven, stated to have fallen at the battle of Pinkie (10th September 1547). By her he had George and David. His widow subsequently married David Campbell of Denhead.[1]

But perhaps the most instructive document in our collection is No. 47 A, or the inventory of the "goods and gear", i. e. the personal estate left by Alexander II at his death. The inventory is given as sworn to in 1567, or thirty-two years later, by one James Crichton, a faithful retainer and then apparently tenant of Fyal. Alexander's widow Elizabeth and her second husband David Campbell had evidently been living at Bamff, in possession of the articles, and making use of them; and legal proceedings had to be taken by the heir to recover them from their hands. The list exhibits a lamentable picture of the poverty of Scotland and her gentry in the early sixteenth century; bare food and clothing was all that they could show. Our laird, however, has the attire and equipment of his station, as an esquire and minor baron. For ordinary wear he has a doublet of fustian like Chaucer's knight; besides that he has a 'hugtoun-coat', or sleeveless jacket or waistcoat, and a gown, both of French black, and trimmed with velvet; over that he can throw

[1] Acts and Decreets, xliv. 111; cited Maitland Thomson.

a cloak of Spanish black. Then he has a pair of French hose, a shirt of fine linen, a belt, a whinger, and a purse. He is also duly provided with a sword, a buckler, 'a jack of plate' or breastplate, a "knapskay" or iron skull-cap, and a "handbow" and arrows. But there is no word of any kind of fire-arm, no handgun or "dag" (pistol). A black bonnet for ordinary wear and a black felt hat for Sundays complete his equipment. Of course he has a "fair" or suitable riding horse and saddle. So far well, but for domestic furniture, for a parallel at the present day, we should have to turn to the ploughman's bothie. There is not a married labourer's cottage on the estate at the present day but can show more comfort than the manor-house of 1535. There was one 'furnished' bed with feather-bed, blankets, and sheets; and one "standand" bed of Baltic timber with Flemish coverlet. The hall was furnished with a table of boards laid on trestles, with forms to sit on. There is also one chair with two cushions, and an "almery" or cupboard for holding provisions, also table linen. The kitchen utensils include a big 'beef-pot' (for holding salt beef), a spit for roasting, "girnels" for meal and malt, and all requisites for brewing beer. But there is not a word of churn or cheese-press; and the farm utensils do not comprise a milk-pail. Oatmeal porridge washed down with home-brewed beer must have been the staple diet. The plough is drawn by a yoke of oxen.

36

SASINE OF ALEXANDER RAMSAY in the barony of Bamff, with exceptions: 29th October 1530. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT OF Sasine, dated 29th October 1530, of Alexander Ramsay, son and heir of the deceased "Nigellus" Ramsay of Banff (called in the precept Neis Ramsay), in the lands of the barony of Banff, with pertinents, excepting the lands of Padrey

and Ester Mawis; proceeding upon a precept from Chancery directed to the Sheriff of Perth and his bailies, and precept of Sasine by William, Lord Ruthwen, Sheriff of Perth, to John Makcormycht, one of the " mairs " of the said sheriffdom, dated at Perth, 8th October 1530. In the precept the said Alexander is stated to be of lawful age " be our soverane Lordis speciale dispensatioun gevin to hym tharupone ". Sasine was given upon the lands about 2 p.m. in presence of David Henry, William Hay, Robert Fell, Robert Smyth, and John Smyth. John Turnbull, of the diocese of Glasgow, is notary.

37

Crown Charter of Apprising to Alexander Ramsay of Banff of the lands of Easter Mawes: 4th June 1531.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Charter of Apprising by King James V, under the Great Seal, to Alexander Ramsay, son and heir of the deceased " Nigellus " Ramsay of Banff, and Elizabeth Crichton his spouse, of the lands of Ester Mawis, with pertinents, in the sheriffdom of Perth, which lands had been apprised by David Anderson, burgess of Perth, as having the gift of them by reason of non-entry of the real heir for the space of fifty years, and which on 10th May 1530 were put up for sale at Perth, and purchased by the said Alexander Ramsay and his spouse for the sum of 1,000 merks: To be held of the Crown in fee and heritage for payment of the duties and services formerly exigible from the said lands; reserving right to the proprietors of the said lands to regain possession within seven years by paying the said 1,000 merks. The charter is dated at Stirling, 4th June 1531.

(Part of Great Seal attached.)

38

PRECEPT OF SASINE following upon the said Charter: same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT directed to John Crechtoun of Ruthven, to infeft Alexander Ramsay and Elizabeth Crichton his spouse in the lands of Easter Mawes, with pertinents, in terms of the foregoing charter. Dated 4th June 1531 at Stirling.

39

PRECEPT FOR INFEFTING John Crichton in a third part of Drumflognes: 11th June 1531. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by Elizabeth Hebburn, elder, sister and one of the heirs of John Hebburn of the Craig, and superior of the lands following, directing John Haliburtoun, Alexander Cargill, and Alexander Ramsay of Banff to give infeftment to John Crichtoun as heir to the deceased Adam Crichton his grandfather in the third part of the lands of Drumflognes, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Craig and sheriffdom of Forfar. She grants the precept with consent of Master Alexander Levingstoun of Dunypace, her husband. Dated at Petcur, 11th June 1531; witnesses, Thomas Levingstoun, John Haliburtoun, David Cummyn, and Alexander Ratery. [Signed] M. Alex^{r}. Levingstoun of Donepace w^{t} my hand; Elizabeth Hepburn w^{t} my hand on the pen.

(Seals of grantor and consenter attached.)

40

SASINE following upon above Charter and Precept: 19th June 1531. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 19th June 1531, of Alexander Ramsay of Banff and Elizabeth Crichton his spouse, of the lands

of Ester Mawes, in terms of the foregoing charter and precept; given by John Crichton of Ruthven to them upon the ground of the said lands about 5 p.m. in presence of John Grot, John Ramsay, Alexander Andersone, and James Grahame.

David Jak *alias* Anderson, priest of the diocese of St. Andrews, notary public, appends his sign.

41

SASINE OF JOHN CRICHTON of Ruthven in a third part of Drumflogne: 19th July 1531. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 19th July 1531, of John Crichton of "Ruthvennis" in the third part of the lands of Drumflogne, in terms of the foregoing precept. Alexander Ramsay gives sasine, on the ground of the lands, about 11 a.m. in presence of John Fothrynhame, John Grot, Alexander Andersone, and John Kousne. David Jak *alias* Anderson is notary.

42

SASINE OF DAVID OGILVY in one-sixth part of the lands of Auchteralyth: 10th June 1533. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 10th June 1533, of David Ogilvy, son of Henry Ogilvy, in the lands of the one-sixth part of Auchteralyth occupied by Gilbert Blair, lying in the barony of Alyth and sheriffdom of Perth, in terms of letters of bailiary by David, Earl of Crawford, directing Laurence Bykartoun to give sasine. Done upon the said lands about 10 a.m. in presence of Gilbert Blair, David Blair, Hugh Huntar, and Henry Ogilvy. Robert Fullour is notary.

43

SASINE OF HELEN HERRIES, daughter of Margaret Herries, in one-sixth of the lands of Auchteralyth: 16th December 1533.
(Latin) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 16th December 1533, proceeding upon a precept of Clare Constat by David, Earl of Crawford, directed to Andrew Prentye, Thomas Mychell, or either of them, to infeft Elen Heres, daughter of the deceased Margaret Heres, as nearest lawful heir to her mother in the one-sixth part of the lands of Owchtyreleth, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Eletht and sheriffdom of Perth, held of the said Earl as superior. The precept was dated at Carnye, 23rd November 1533, and signed "David Erll off Crawfurd". Andrew Prente gives sasine to Thomas Smyth, indweller in Scottistoun of Ouctherouse, as attorney for the said Elen, on the ground of the said lands, about 1 p.m. in presence of David Ramsaye in Ynchok, James Bacster, George Graye in Bellowcht, John Doge, Robert Jak, and Andrew Smyth, with others. Sir David Vatsone, priest of the diocese of St. Andrews and notary, prepares the instrument.

44

GRANATOUR (grainter, graniter) DECREET by authority of the Commissaries of the Bishop of Dunkeld upon all persons to declare the right marches between the lands of Bamff and Alyth, dated 28th May 1534 (Transcript).

"COMMISSARINE (Commissarius?) Dunkelden generalis curatis ecclesiarum parochialium de Alyth, Rettery, Ruthven, seu cuicunque alteri capellano super executione primum debite requisit. Salutem. Conquestum est nobis per modum lamentabilis et gravis querimonie ex parte honorabilis viri Alexandri Ramsay, filii et hæredis quondam Nicasii Ramsay de Bamff, et nepotis et hæredis quondam Gilberti Ramsay, avi sui, que nonnulle

inniquitatis filii et diaboli membra, animarum suarum salutem immemores, Deum pre oculis non habentes, quorum nomina ignoramur, damna in vulgari sequen. eidem conquirenti fecerint. viz. That quhair the right marches betwixt his lands of Bamff and Alyth are not perfectlie knawin to the said complenar and his nixt neighbours of Alyth, quhair throw thair is habile delay discord and pley (pleas) to ryse betwix him and his saids neighbours, nevertheless diverse and sundry persons of the parochin of Alyth and uther cuntrie men kens perfectlie be thame self and repitition of thair elders and forbeirs and uthers faithfull men the saids marches betwix Bamff and Alyth, but thai fraudfullie conceals the samyn and will not schaw the veritie thairof, to the apparent danger pley and discord that ar habill to be risen thairthrow bot gif thai be compellit and strained be the halie Kirk quhilk suld end all discord; and in like ways fraudfullie against God and guid conscience sons of iniquity and members of the devil not havand God nor guid conscience befoir thair eine (eyes) hes theftuouslie stown tane away wrangfullie withhalden put away destroyed or concealed to be destroyed in fraud prejudice greit hurt and skyth of the said complener and his heritage certain evidents and wryting, as Charters, Precepts of seising, Instruments of sesing, perambulations, divisions, bounding Charters, contracts, obligations, acquittances, indentures, and sundrie others evidents and writings perteining to the said complener as heir to his fader forsaid and umquhill Gilbert Ramsay his guidsir above exprimit or ony of his forbeirs concerning the guid of him and his lands and barony of Bamff and Boquhane (Balquwhime), and in special certain instruments stown and ryvin furth of Sir Johne Galloway notars prothogall buik, or ony uther notar or notarys bukes, concerning him or his heritage, of the quhilks misdoers names are unknown: Inde nobis de juris remedio dictus conquerens sibi in præmissis provideri supplicavit oportuno (opportune?) vobis

igitur et verum (vestrum ?) cuilibet in virtute sancte obediencie et sub pena suspensionis a divinis districte percipiendo mandamus quatenus moveatis legitime omnes et singulos dictarum ecclesiarum parochinarios et alios quoscumque in genere qui (præmissis et consinia *omit these words* ?) veros et legales [limites] inter dictas terras de Bamff et Alyth positos et signatos per se vel ex relatione suorum primorum parentuarum seu aliorum fidedignorum quovismodo ante hac normit (noverint ?) seu stineormit (estimaverint ?) vel (ut ?) occasio discordie jurgi seu lias (litis ?) desuper exorte seu exorture penitus annoveatur (amoveatur ?) et repellatur metus omnes alios et singulos malefactores antedictos eorumque sanctores conclatores et consiliarios cum (cujuscunque ?) status gradus seu conditionis existant primo 2° 3° peremptorie unico tamen contextu per debitos quos nos tenore præsentium sic movemus ut intra sex dies monitiones viros (vestros ?) proxime et immediate sequen. quos dies per termino peremptorio monitioneque canonica assignamus et per unum volumus assignari debitorum terrarum de Bamff et Alyth veros et legales limites e (? et) confinia ut præfertur scientes et non revelantes", &c. Those concealing the title-deeds or not revealing their whereabouts are to be punished with the greater excommunication as art and part . . . " et solenniter denunciatio non cessan[te] donec aliud a nobis habeatis in mandatis ; et præsentes debite execute earundem latori reddatis. Datum apud Civitatem Dunkelden. sub sigillo officii nostri 28^vo^ die mensis Maii anno Domini 1534^to^."

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An Instrument by Master Alexander Ramsay, chaplain and notary public, dated 14th June 1534, reciting that there " comperit ane honorable man, Alexander Ramsay of Bamff, sone and air to umquhill Nesche Ramsay of Bamff, his fathir, in the Kirk of Alyth and thair presentit ane granatour, Sir David Freirtoun,

vicar pensionar of the samyn for the tyme, in presence of the parochinars and uthers in tyme of the hie mess, the said Sir David beand in the pupit presentlie ressavit the said granatour and read the samyn be oppin proclamation and dulie execute his office conforme to the poynts and artikles thairintill" so that persons present might testify what they knew of the marches or of deeds relating thereto; whereupon "anent the evidents charters and wrytings of Boychame stowin and tane out of Bamff fraudfullie in greit skyth hurt and dampnage of the Lairds of Bamff and thair airs in away taking as said is, Sir Alexander Pouler, chaplane, quha dwelt with Alexander Ramsay of Bamff, fader to Gilbert Ramsay, in tyme of the way taking of the saids evidents of Boychame, they being publick in the Queir of Alyth, in tyme of the execution of the granatour and allegeance grantit oppinlie that he had the saids charters and evidents and provision of the lands and grunds of Boychame. And alswa thair stud up personallie in the said kirk of Alyth in tyme of service of the said granatour and alleged David Ramsay, brothir to Maister Finlay Ramsay, John Makadam, David Alexsone, William Sturror, William Hucheoun, Stevin Symsone *alias* Schipard, John Cowsny, elder, in presence of the congregation within the kirk for the tyme, and efter come Alexander Hereiss of Wester Craig, John Baxtar, William Soutar, Sir Robert How, Robert Baxter, David Butter, William Robertson, Alexander Gilleis, John Quhoman, John Brown, elder, John Mitchell, elder, and John Heireiss," and declared as follows, viz. Sir Alexander Pollour and Ramsay, M'Adam, &c. foresaid declared the marches and bounds between Alyth and Bamff "concerning the Hill, the marches beginning in ane hauch callit Dalrammeg hauch and in stud (tull?) ane mylne of Foyell callit the Scottismanis mylne *alias* the Ladill myll, the quhilk wes the proper mylne of Bamff, and said we sall schew you the intaking of the mylne leid and quhair the milne stud and the distance and furth passage of the samyn, quhilkis

may be yit notablie knawin and wes schewn to thame be thair foirfathers and forbeirs as thai allegeit, and fra that passand eist linallie to ane well callit Sundays well upon ane gait side passand and repassand fra Alyth on the debateable hill betwixt Bamff and Alyth, and fra that well eist linalie to ane croiss callit the Reid Croiss standand upon the said debetable hill betwixt Bamff and Alyth upon the quhilk croce there is arms drawn, upon the south syde the pictour of ane sword the poynt thairof assendand up to the pictour of ane mans heid at the hycht of the croce, and wes allegeit the arms of the Erle of Crawfurd, and upon the north syde of the cross ane picture of ane scheir with the manner of ane ball within the plaits and schering of the sheiris with ane flourdelyce assendand up to the pictour of ane mans heid at the hycht of the cross, the ane of the heids pictours lutand north and the other southour, quhilk cross wes situat and put thair for ane march betwixt the Erle of Crawfurd and Bamff, togidder with ane bowand stane northour with pictours thairupon eist therefrae neirby, and ane cairne of stanes betwixt the cross and the bowand stane that boweth northour, to ratifie the samyn as proper marches; and fra the bowand stane northeist to ane slaik callit the Wolfhill (?) Slack, to ane cairne on the hill in the sycht besyde Boychame, and fra that cairn north to ane furd in ane lache callit the Cowfurd betwixt Boychame and the Newtown of Bamff at the Corn ends of Boythame, and fra that north as ane rod lyes in passage to Ardorny quhill it cum to ane blind well heid anent the entries of ane burn runnand betwixt Bamff and Ardorny in ane burn havand passage eist fra the hill of Bamff, the quhilk entries of the burn betwixt Ardorny and Little Bamff is callit the Spout of Bamff and cums and runs out of the grund and lands of Bamff". Then Alexander Heiress of Wester Craigs and his company foresaid ratified and affirmed the said marches to be as above. Also Thomas Baxter said "he hard Finlay Baxter his fader say that he saw the multure of the said mylne

gathered and borne to Bamff, and that he brought ane of the mylne stanes to Tullyfergus to be ane hearth stane, the quhilk Agnes Baxter his sister, William Fowlars wife, ratifeit and affirmit that dwelt in the Haltown of Cruchy, and the said William Souter said his muther ratified and affirmit the samyn". These things were done at Alyth between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the presence of John Crychtoun of Ruthvenis, Henry Ramsay, John Greit *alias* Lato, Donald Done, and others.

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INSTRUMENT ON SETTLEMENT OF MARCHES between the Abbot and Convent of Coupar, and John Cumming of Couttie and the Abbot and Convent of Dunfermline: 9th September 1535.

Parchment.

"IN Dei nomine Amen, Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat evidenter quod anno Incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo quinto mensis vero Septembris die nono, indictione octava pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Pauli divina providentia Pape Tercii anno primo, In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constituti reverendus in Christo pater Donaldus permissione divina Abbas monasterii de Cupro, et certi alii relegiosi conventus loci ejusdem, ab una, et Johannes Cummyng de Culty pro seipso et etiam procuratorio nomine reverendissimorum patrum Jacobi miseratione divina Archiepiscopi Sanctiandree, Commendatarii de Dunfermling, et Georgii permissione divina Abbatis et futuris successoris ejusdem, et etiam conventus ejusdem loci de Dunfermling, dominorum superiorum terrarum de Culty, partibus ab altera, apud aquam de Ylay convenerunt pro marchis et bondis infra dominium de Cupro et Culty cognoscendis et dividendis, et ibidem secundum considerationes certorum monachorum dicti conventus de Cupro

et aliorum fidedignorum ad hoc juratorum et per utramque partem admissorum, in presencia dictorum Abbatis de Cupro et Johannis Cummyng de Culty, per modum et viam amicabilem incipiebant ad orientem apud lie Kirkfurd de Bennochy ex parte australi aque de Ylay tendentes, ad occidentem exeuntes extra dictam aquam ex parte boriali ejusdem versus Baiytscheile, deinde iterum exeuntes extra dictam aquam ex parte australi ejusdem versus manerium de Culty, tendentes et ambulantes ad occidentem usque ad lie alryn tre, infigentes in terram certa signa et metas viz. saxa et stipites lye stok et stane in recto ordine ad effectum et finem quod dicti Abbas de Cupro suique successores, conventus et eorum tenentes, fundum aquas et piscationes ex parte australi dictarum metarum et signorum in futurum possideant et gaudeant, et similiter prefatus Johannes Cummyng sui heredes et assignati fundum aquas et piscationes ex parte boriali dictarum metarum et signorum juste in futurum possideant et gaudeant; de procuratorii et mandati potestate dictorum dominorum superiorum de Culty ad prescripta facienda michi notario publico et testibus subscriptis per autentica documenta liquide constabat, ad que premissa observanda hincinde juramentum prestiterunt. Super quibus omnibus et singulis ambe partes a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri et tradi petierunt hoc presens publicum instrumentum sive publica instrumenta unum seu plura. Acta erant hec apud dictam aquam de Ilay hora sexta post meridiem aut eocirca sub anno die mense indictione et pontificatu quibus supra, presentibus ibidem Georgio Haliburtoun de Petcur, Johanne Moncur de Balluny, Jacobo Ogilvy de Balfour, Archiebaldo Campbell, Magistro Alexandro Makbrek, Andrea Haliburtoun, Villelmo Haliburtoun, et Domino Jacobo Moncreff, notario, diversisque aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis.

"Et ego David Jak alias Andree, presbyter Sanctiandree diocesis, publicus sacris apostolica et imperiali autoribus notarius," &c.

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LEASE BY GEORGE [CRICHTON], BISHOP OF DUNKELD, to David Wood of Craig, the King's Comptroller, of the teinds of Bamff: 1540. *Parchment.*

GEORGE, Bishop of Dunkeld, with consent of the dean, canons, and chapter of the cathedral kirk of Dunkeld, for the profit of the said kirk and for certain sums of money paid to them, leases to David Wood of Craig, his Majesty's Comptroller, and his heirs and assignees, the teind sheaves of the lands and barony of Banff, and their pertinents, lying in the parish of Aleit and sheriffdom of Perth, pertaining to the said Bishop and chapter as part of the patrimony of the kirk of Dunkeld, and that for nineteen years from this date, being the date of his entry thereto; the said David and his heirs paying to them and their chamberlains 42 bolls of meal and 8 bolls of bear at the customary terms. There is a clause of warrandice. The tack is to be sealed with the Bishop's seal and the common seal of the chapter of the said cathedral kirk, and is dated "at the samyn" the [ ] day of [ ] 1540. [Signed] "Georg Dunkll; Jacobus Hepburn, decanus; Michael Valcar de Monydy; David Meldrum, archidiaconus; Thomas Brown de Inchmagreneth; Alex^{r} Erskin, subdecanus; Alexander Annand de Forgundyny; Jacobus Lyne de Abberladie; Jacobus Lauder de Ferdshaw (?)".

[Endorsed] "The Controlleris letter of Banff".

47 A

INVENTORY OF THE EFFECTS OF ALEXANDER RAMSAY of Bamff, who died about 1535, as deponed to in 1567 in an action pursued by George Ramsay of Bamff against David Campbell. (From the Sheriff Court records of Perthshire.) Published in Maidment's "Nugæ Scotticæ", Miscellaneous Papers illustrative of Scottish affairs, 1535–1781. Edinburgh, 1829.

"JAMES CREICHTOUN in Foyell, mariet, of lxj yiers aige, havand in guds as he confessit iij^{xx} l. money in cornes gudis and geir, sworn as he will answer in the presence of God in the day of jugement to declair the veratie, and purgit of partiall counsall, deponit he knawis that George Ramsay of Banff is eldest sone and succedis to umquhile Alexander Ramsay, his fader, of his landis, and that he is his air; and that the said umquhile Alexander the tyme of his deceis quha decessit thretty tua yeirs syne or thereby as he rememberis hed thir gudis and geir following in his possessioun in to the place and about the place of Banf, and knew na ither man to have rycht therto bot he; and that he wes servant that sayme tyme of his deceis to him, and eftir his deceis to his moder quhom Master David Campbell mareit, the said George moder callyt Elizabeth Creychtoun, and intromettet with the samyn; that is to say:

Ane sark of small lynning, price x d.

Ane dowblat of blak fustean, price xxxij s.

Ane hugtoun cot of black, begareit with blak velvot, price fyve merkis xl d.

Ane gowne of Frenche blak, begareit with blak velvot, price x li.

Ane pair of hois (hose) of Frenche blak, price xxxiij s. iiij d.

Ane pair of schone, ane pair of pantonis (Fr. *pantoufles*, slippers), price v s.

Ane belt, ane quhynger, ane purs, price xx s.

Ane Spenze (Spanish) clok of blak, price ten merkis.

Ane sword, ane buklar, price five merkis vj s. viij d.

Ane jak of plait, price v li.

Ane knapskay (iron skull-cap), price xxvj s. viij d.

Ane handbow with ane quaver of arrowis, price xlij s.

Ane pair of buttis, sokis and spurris, price xxvj s. viij d.

Ane nycht bonat, price xxx d.

Ane blak bonat, price xvij s.

Ane blak felt hat, price xxij s.

Ane woup of gold, price vj l. xl d.

Ane fair hors with aparelling of sadill and bridell, price xlj li.

Ane furneist bed with fedder bed, with scheittis, blancattis, vaindour (vallances), and courtingis and coddis (pillows), price x li.

Ane standand bed of eistland burd, price xlij s.

Ane mantile, price xxx s.

Ane Flanderis compt (coverlet), price iv li. vjs. viij d.

Ane Flanderis kist, price xl s.

Ane watter pot of tyn, price vjs. viij d.

Ane keis of kamis (case of combs), price xxx d.

Thre meit burdis (boards) in the hall, with furmes and trestis, price iij li.

Ane meit almery of eistland burd, price xl s.

Ane cheir with twa cuschingis, price xxviij s.

Ane bassing (basin), price xx s.

Ane quart stoup of tyn, price xij s.

Ane poynt stoup of tyn, price vj s.

The haill nepry (linen) and coveris of the thre burdis with thair burd claths and servottis, price viij li.

Tua brassyn chandlaris, price xvij s.

Ane plait of tyn, price iv s.

Ane trunscheour of tyn, price ij s.

Ane fitsped (footspade, spade), ane flauchterspeid (spade for

slicing turf), ane schule (shovel), ane graip (muck-rake) of irne, price xiij s. iiij d.

Ane cruik, price xij s.

Ane halbart, price vj s. viij d.

Ane mekle mele girnell of aik, price xxvj s. viij d.

Ane malt girnell, price xxvj s. viij d.

Ane greit beif pot, ane pouset (saucepan) of bres, ane midling pot, price of the haill vj li. x s.

Ane speit with tua raxis of irne, price xxx s.

Ane irne tayngis (tongs) price xl d.

Ane ladill, price xvj d.

Ane mekle pann, ane midling pann, and ane small pann of bres, price of thame v li. vj s. viij d.

Ane paire of peppir quernis (mills), price xvij d.

Ane brew caldrone, price xj li. x s.

Ane masking fatt with tua gyle-fattis (fermenting-vats ?), and the rest of the brewing loomes, price of thame vj li. vj s.

Ane yok of drawand oxin, price of the pece iv li. v s.

The pleugh with the yokis furnessing cutir sok and somes (chain, *trek-tow*), price of thame xxx s.

Ane vayne (wain) and ane cart with the furnessing, price sex merkis iijs. iiij d.

Ane paire of harrowis, price vj s.

Ane dogleische and tua collaris, price x s.

Ane girdell, price viij s.

Ane hunting horn, price xiiij s.

Ane paire of woll kamis (combs), price xiij s. iiij d.

Ane paire of woll cairds, price vj s. viij d.

Ane corne sek, price v s.

Ane firlot and peck, price of thame vj s. viij d.

Ane paire of scheiris, price xviij d."

Total £169 6*s.* 9*d.*

(13) GEORGE I

(James V, King of Scotland 1513–1542; Mary, Queen of Scotland 1542–1567)

George Ramsay, the son of Alexander II, was admitted to his third of Drumflogne on the 30th March 1542 (Charters 48 and 49). The notary who attests the Instrument of Sasine is again our Alexander Ramsay. On the 2nd April 1551 George had sasine of the west third part of Auchteralyth as heir to his grandfather Neis.[1]

But George was only about five years old, and did not come of age till the 21st May 1556, when he was admitted to Easter Mawes and the barony of Bamff (Nos. 56 and 57), subject as to the former to finding security to the Crown for £175 for wardship and £10 for relief; while the barony would be taxed at £840 for twenty-one years' wardship, besides £40, or one year's rent, as relief. But George lived to enjoy the property for a lengthy period, as men's lives then ran, and added considerably to the estate.

Drumflogne he shared with the Crichtons of Ruthven, two-thirds of the property belonging to them. But in 1543 one-third was sold by John Crichton of Ruthven the elder to John Cumming of Couttie and Janet Crichton his wife (No. 50). Six years later John Crichton the younger was admitted to the third of the property retained by his father the late John Crichton, who had fallen at Pinkiecleuch (10th September 1547, No. 51). But Crichton evidently took this step only to complete his title in contemplation of the sale of the property to David Ramsay, George's brother (Nos. 53, 54, 55).

[1] MS. Inventory of Bamff Charters, No. 463.

Ardormy was still in foreign hands, as in October 1549 James Scrymgeour was admitted as heir to his father Walter (No. 52).

On the 20th August 1559 we get our first notice of Creuchies, and, as a matter of fact, in connexion with the outbreak of the Reformation. Creuchies is a detached portion of the parish of Blairgowrie, still described as belonging to the " Regality " of Scone, that is to say the possessions of Scone Abbey, the term Regality evidently pointing to the quasi-Regal privileges of the monastery. The estate was, and still to a certain extent is, divided into minor holdings, the Mains, the Halton, the Welton, the Muirton, all of Creuchies. Nos. 58 and 61 record a lease in perpetuity, subject to certain rents and " grassums " or fines, of one-third of the Mains of Creuchies granted to John Thomson; the lease is granted by Patrick Hepburn, Bishop of Moray, not *qua* Bishop of Moray, but *qua* Commendator of Scone. He excuses the demand of a grassum as being required for the rebuilding of the monastic buildings, recently ' destroyed by fire ' ; i. e. burnt down a few days before, by the iconoclastic fury of the Reforming mob of Perth.[1] A Walter Ramsay attests the deeds as notary. Six days later the worthy Commendator, anxious to rescue what he could from impending wreck, makes another similar lease in perpetuity of one-third of the Welton of Creuchies; the grantee is again the actual tenant, Thomas Ogilvy, and reference is made to recent Land Acts providing for the lease of property for its better cultivation (No. 59). A similar conveyance of the Muirton of Creuchies to David Rattray follows. On the 17th May 1561 George Ramsay transferred all his rights on the teinds of Creuchies to the tenants of the same, in accordance with an arrangement made between himself and the laird of " Clovay " (Clova) (MS. Protocol Book). How these rights had been acquired does not

[1] The outbreak of the Reformation in Scotland took place at Perth, 11th May 1559. Hill Burton.

appear. The laird of Clova was probably Alexander Ogilvy; he at any rate was in possession 8th May 1570 (ibid.).

On the 14th May 1564 we find George Ramsay married to Elizabeth Wood of Bonnyton, as we have of that date Royal charters of Pitdray and Fyal in favour of the pair and their heirs, being evidently the assignment of the bride's dower (Nos. 66, 67, and 68).

Dealings with Kirklandbank, Auchteralyth, and Watersheal—the latter a part of Bamff at the present day—figure largely in the records of George's time. The ownership of Kirklandbank was a matter in dispute between Bamff and the Crichtons of Ruthven, a tangled tale, the facts of which are supplied by our MS. Protocol Book. On the 9th March 1561 we have a summons by John Crichton of Ruthven calling on one John Sanders, *alias* Sanderson, *alias* Alexanderson, to quit possession of Kirklandbank. Sanders ignores the summons, alleging an " assedation " or lease of the land by one Andrew Crichton. John Crichton retorts that Andrew Crichton had been put to the horn for breach of contract and was out of court. On the 30th June John Crichton takes it upon himself personally to infeft George Ramsay in the lands of Kirklandbank; Alexander and William Ramsay attest the sasine as " connotaries "—joint notaries. Conscious, however, of some infirmity in his title, John Crichton turned to his Superior, or overlord, Robert Crichton, Bishop of Dunkeld, and on the 23rd July obtained a precept directing one James Crichton to infeft John Crichton of Ruthven in the lands of Kirklandbank, formerly in the possession of Andrew Crichton, but freely and voluntarily surrendered by him to the Bishop as his Superior. George Ramsay of Bamff is a witness (*Datum apud fortalicium de Hwm* (Hume Castle?), MS. Protocol Book). Whether the Bishop was mistaken in his facts, or Andrew Crichton again broke his word, I cannot say, but between the Bishop and Andrew George Ramsay never got into Kirklandbank. From subsequent

proceedings we learn that in fact John Crichton, after contracting to sell Kirklandbank to George Ramsay, failed to " implement " his contract, i. e. install him in the property. The case was submitted to arbitration, and on the 15th February 1565 the arbiters ruled that John Crichton should pay to George Ramsay 2,100 marks; and that George in return should disclaim all right or title to Kirklandbank (No. 69). The matter hung in suspense for nine years more, the Crichtons neither paying the money nor evacuating the holding. Another arbitration was held, with the result that the finding of 1565 was confirmed, and John Crichton condemned to pay a further sum of 300 marks for " expenses ", i. e. costs and damages (17th February 1574, No. 75). George Ramsay, however, agreed to accept of 1,600 marks in full; and on the 27th June 1574 all his rights over Kirklandbank were assigned to Crichton (No. 76).

With respect to Auchteralyth we have a " wadset " or mortgage of the middle third of the property, for 130 marks, made to George Ramsay by David and John Ogilvy (19th November 1575, No. 78). Then we have George mortgaging the West third part to James Crichton of the Craig for 400 marks (6th March 1575–6, No. 81); and on the 6th October we have arrangements made for securing to George Ramsay, his son, and their heirs the remaining sunny or East third of Auchteralyth, through a charter to be obtained from David, 11th Earl of Crawford, for the sum of 750 marks (No. 88). Thus we have George standing in three different relations to three several parts of the same property—a truly mediaeval state of things.

With respect to Watersheal we have first the sale of the property by David, Earl of Crawford, to James Crichton of Easter Craig ' for a sum of money ' (2nd June 1568, No. 72); then we have a charter by the Earl, with consent of his curators, by which, confirming a contract entered into by them, he grants Watersheal with the pendicle called Craighead by way of mortgage to George

Ramsay for his life, and then to his son George ' and his heirs male bearing the name and arms of Ramsay ', subject always to redemption on payment of 1,000 marks (25th and 26th May 1577, Nos. 84 and 85). This Earl and his son were extravagant and violent men, and almost ruined the family.

Charter No. 70 records an attempt to reopen that terrible question of the marches of the debatable Hill of Alyth and Bamff, with a further determination of the marches of Kirklandbank and Alyth. Sittings were held on the 22nd of June and the 3rd and 15th of August, all in the year 1565. The Bamff marches as settled in 1534 were fully confirmed. The proceedings are interesting as giving all the links in the feudal chain with which the land was hampered. First, there is the Earl of Crawford tenant for life, and after him David the Master in fee, as the Superiors; next comes Alexander Ogilvy of Clova as under-lord in feu farm, and under him again James, his son, and James's wife Elizabeth Crichton, and her curators; all of these had to be represented. We may notice Alexander Ogilvy of Clova, not James, Earl of Airlie, appearing as the lord of Alyth.

Charter No. 74 (9th December 1572) gives us the dower settled by George Ramsay on his daughter-in-law, Elizabeth "*alias* Isobelle" Mercer, wife of his son George Ramsay the younger, in pursuance of a contract dated 21st November 1572, and entered into with the lady's father, Lawrence Mercer of Meikleour. The dower includes life-rents in Easter Mawes, Pitdray, and Kinkedly, ' equivalent to a tierce of the barony of Bamff '; also one-half of Woodwrae and one-third of Auchteralyth.

Charter No. 87 is a tack or lease by Colin, Earl of Argyle, "principal tacksman of the teinds of the parish of Eliche", of the teinds or tithes of Bamff, and also of two-thirds of the teinds of Auchteralyth to George Ramsay for fifteen years from 1st August 1576, at certain rents.

Unconnected with Bamff are the following three documents.

No. 64 records the seisin of one-half of the lands of the Grange of Airlie taken by John Spalding, son of James. Nos. 63 and 65 refer to the barony of Alyth. The former, dated the 19th December 1559, attests the seisin of the lands and barony of Alyth taken by David, eldest son of David, 10th Earl of Crawford. No. 65, dated the 3rd July 1561, is a most curious document, not easily matched. It is a charter in favour of the same David of the lands and barony of Alyth, the town being credited for the nonce with a tower and fortalice never elsewhere heard of. But the remarkable thing is that the grant is made in the joint names of King Francis and Queen Mary, while history has it that Mary's husband, François II, had passed away on the 5th December in the year before.[1] Mary herself did not land in Scotland till the 19th August 1561, six weeks after the date of the charter; apparently the news of her husband's death was brought by her.

No. 71 gives a perambulation of the marches of the Mains of Mawes and the Cochrage (17th June 1566).

No. 73 is a feu charter by Patrick Hepburn, Bishop of Moray, to George Drummond of the Newton, Blairgowrie, granting the salmon-fishing in the third part of the river Ericht "that is called the Keith", for the yearly rent of eight marks, six shillings and eightpence.

George Ramsay I, presumably as elected representative of the minor barons, attended the celebrated Convention Parliament of August 1560[2] that established the Protestant Church in Scotland, rejecting the jurisdiction of the Pope, and forbidding the celebration of the Mass. The Bamff family at once accepted the new state of things. In 1581 (No. 94) we shall find a David Ramsay Minister at Meigle; and in 1590 either the same or another David Ramsay Minister at Alyth (No. 112).

[1] See Scottish Kings, Sir A. Dunbar, 253.

[2] See the Roll of the Parliament, Wight on the Rise of Parliament, Appendix No. 7.

A last word of our notary Alexander, of whom we heard in the time of Alexander II, but whose life ran more into that of George I. The earliest dates in his protocol book are one of the year 1502 without any month, and another of the 5th April 1513; but both entries appear to be merely common forms, the former giving the formalities for the holding of a court at Perth, the Sheriff being William Ruthven of Ruthven, knight; the latter a form for the entry of the holding of a court at Bamff by the lord, but without the lord's name being given. We next hear of the notary personally under the year 1530, as already mentioned; but the regular series of entries in his book, seventy-nine in all, does not begin till the year 1561 and ends in 1563, the last entry being a notice to quit to a man wrongfully occupying "the third rynrig" of certain lands at "Rennaqulen" (Rannagulzion).

The notice was to be read out in church "during preaching or prayers", and was in fact so read by Alexander himself in the kirk at Alyth. Thus we have the Reformed service already established at Alyth. The most important entries in Alexander's protocol book are those referring to the disputed possession of Kirklandbank; the others mostly refer to the affairs of persons in moderate circumstances, residing in or near Alyth; references to arbitration are common. The provisions of a marriage contract between one Ronald Robie and Margaret Soutar, a widow with grown-up children, are curious. Robie is to bring in 76 marks; the woman's eldest daughter is to leave the house, and she is to take away as her portion the best bed, the best pot, the best "countir" and the best kist; everything else she is to leave behind her.

Contemporary with George and Alexander may have been another notary public, Sir Walter Ramsay, who attests a copy of a Coupar-Angus charter dated 13 September 1549;[1] but I cannot pretend to trace his connexion with Bamff.

[1] Register of Coupar Abbey, ii. 65.

George owned a house in Dundee, on the south side of the "Flukergate", as the present Nethergate was then called. "Fluke" is the Scottish name for a flounder, and Flukergate might be rendered Flounder Street; it was in fact the fishmarket of Dundee, near the shore. A row of houses formerly standing on the north side of the Flukergate have been removed to clear the view of the church. In the Rent Rolls of the Burgh of Dundee about the year 1567 the house is described as "the land of the Abbot of Scone, now of the laird of Bamff", and situate next to the "land" (i. e. self-contained mansion) of Robert Rolloks.[1] At the present day the house as restored stands the third west from Union Street.

George I died on the 20th or 21st June 1580 (No. 89). He married first Elizabeth, daughter of [ ] Wood of Bonnyton; by her he had

1. George, who succeeded him in Bamff.

2. John, clerk and notary (Nos. 94 and 95), who succeeded his father in the house in Dundee (No. 105).

3. Thomas, styled Master Thomas (No. 105), burgess of Perth, and schoolmaster at Dundee (No. 112).

4. Samuel, styled 'Master' and 'of Crottie' (Nos. 107, 112); married to Janet Moncur.

5. Janet, married to David Nairn of Blairgowrie (Register of Deeds, xi. 245, J. M. Thomson).

6. Katharine.

7. Margaret, married to John Coll, burgess of Perth (Register of Inhibitions for Perthshire, 14 June 1587, J. M. T.).

George married secondly Margaret Erskine, styled "Lady Pettarie", widow of Allardice of that Ilk. She survived him and was married thirdly to George Drummond of Balloch (Register of Deeds, i. 230, J. M. T.).

[1] Thomson, History of Dundee, p. 333.

48

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT by Master Alexander Livingstone of Dunipace in favour of George Ramsay of Bamff, son of Alexander Ramsay of Bamff, as his heir in the lands of Drumflogne : 30th March 1542. *Parchment.*

" MAGISTER Alexander Levingstoun de Donypace, dilectis meis Silvestro Retray ac eorum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim ballivis meis in hac parte specialiter constitutis, salutem. Quia michi per auctentica documenta clare constat et est notum quod quondam Alexander Ramsay de Banff, pater Georgii Ramsay de Banff latoris presentium, obiit ultimo vestitus et sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem supremi Domini nostri Regis de totis et integris terris de Drumflogny cum pertinentiis jacentibus in baronia mea de Crag et infra vicecomitatum de Forfar, et quod dictus Georgius est legitimus et propinquior heres ejusdem quondam Allexandri patris sui de totis et integris predictis terris de Drumflogny cum suis pertinentiis, et quod est legitime etatis, et quod de me et heredibus meis seu assignatis tenentur . . . (*cut away*) [mani]bus meis tanquam in manibus domini superioris sui earundem nunc existunt et devenerunt ob causam mortis dicti quondam Alexandri patris sui : Vobis igitur et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim precipio et mando quatenus visis presentibus indilate sasinam statum et possessionem hereditariam totalium et integrarum predictarum terrarum cum (*sic*) Drumflogny cum suis pertinentiis prefato Georgio Ramsay tanquam legitimo et propinquiori et (*sic*) heredi quondam Alexandri patris sui, vel suo certo actornato latori presentium, secundum tenorem antiqui infeofamenti desuper confecti, juste deliberetis et haberi faciatis et sine dilatione, salvo jure cujuslibet, et hoc nullo modo omittatis, ad quod faciendum vobis et vestrum cuilibet conjunctim et divisim ballivis meis in hac parte antedictis meam plenariam liberam et irrevocabilem tenore presencium

committo potestatem. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum unacum mea subscriptione manuali presentibus est appensum, apud Edinburgh penultimo die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo secundo, coram hiis testibus, Henrico Hepburn, Johanne Levingstoun de Castelcary, Johanne Quhite, et Andrea Quhite, notario publico, cum diversis aliis. (Signed) Maister Alex^{r}. Levingstoun of Dunipace w^{t}. my hand."

(Seal of grantor attached, in beautiful preservation.)

49

SASINE following upon the said Precept: 15th October 1542. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 15th October 1542, of George Ramsay of Banf, in terms of the foregoing precept of Clare Constat, in the lands of Drumflogni. Silvester Rattray of Craghaw gives sasine as bailie to George Reid, attorney for the said George Ramsay, who produces royal letters of attorney dated at Edinburgh, 1st April 1542 (*anno regni* 29) empowering the said George Reid or David Rattray to act on behalf of the said George Ramsay. Witnesses to the sasine (given about 2 p.m.) are William Patersone, John Murray, and Robert Thomsone. The notary, Alexander Ramsay, chaplain of the diocese of Dunkeld, appends his docquet.

50

SASINE OF JOHN CUMMING of Couttie and his wife in the lands of Drumflogne: 16th October 1543. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 16th October 1543, given by John Blair, as bailie of John Crichton of Ruthven, to John Cummyng of Cowty and Janet Crechtoune his spouse, personally, of the

lands of Drumflogneis, lying in the barony of Cragis of Glenylay, in the sheriffdom of Forfar; proceeding on a precept of sasine by the said John Crichton directed to the said John Blair (or to William Roger), reciting that he has sold his lands foresaid to the said John Cumming and his wife and the heirs begotten or to be begotten between them; which precept is dated at Cowty, 15th October 1543, and attested by William Roger, John Blair, and Master George Blair, notary public. Sasine was given about 10 a.m., in presence of James Crechtoune, William Cummyng, and William Rawery (*sic*). George Blair, layman of the diocese of Dunkeld and notary public, appends his docquet.

51

Sasine of John Crichton of Ruthven in the third part of the lands of Drumflogne: 8th June 1549. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 8th June 1549, given to James Creichtoun *alias* Felde as attorney for John Creichtoun of Ruthwennis, proceeding upon a precept of Clare Constat by Master Alexander Lewingstoun of Donypace, directed to George Creichtoun of Camnay (Camno) as bailie, to infeft the said John Crichton as heir to the deceased John Creichtoun of Ruthwennis, his father (who fell at Pinkincleuch), in the third part of the lands of Drumflogneis, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Craggis and sheriffdom of Forfar. The precept was dated at Edinburgh, 18th March 1549 (*sic*); witnesses, Andrew Abircromby, Thomas Creichtoun, Adam Creichtoun, Thomas Roxburgh, and others. The attorney received sasine "complosis manibus per terre et lapidis traditionem alias exhibitionem, ac domorum inclusionem et ibidem inhabitatoribus expulsis cunctisque aliis remotis, ut moris est in talibus", conform to the old infeftment given of before to the said deceased John Crichton. Done upon the ground of the third part of Drumflogneis, about 3 p.m., in presence

of Duncan Andersoun, John M^c^Nicoll, et Andrew Dowquhyr, elder, in Ruthvens. John Ostlar, priest of the diocese of St. Andrews and notary public, appends his docquet.

52

SASINE OF JAMES SCRYMGEOUR, son of Walter Scrymgeour of Glaswell, in the lands of Ardormy : 24th October 1549.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 24th October 1549, of James Scrymgeour, proceeding upon a precept of sasine directed by William, Lord Ruthven, Sheriff of Perth, to William Anderson and John Arth, mairs of the said sheriffdom (in terms of a Crown precept from Chancery, dated at Edinburgh, 15th October 1549), reciting that the deceased Walter Scrymgeour of Glaswell, father of the said James, died last infeft in the lands of Ardormy, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Banf, and that the said James is nearest and lawful heir and is of lawful age, and requiring security to be taken for £60 of rent for the said lands, lying in the hands of the Crown for the past five years by reason of ward and non-entry, and for £12 for the relief. The Sheriff's precept is dated at Perth, 23rd October 1549; and John Arth, one of the mairs foresaid, gives sasine to James Scrymgeour, personally, upon the ground of the lands, about 3 p.m., witnesses being, John Ogilvy in Alyth, James Patersone in Ardorme, Andrew Lyndesay, and John Cowslie. Walter Smetoun, clerk of the diocese of Dunblane, notary public, appends his docquet.

53

CHARTER OF SALE BY JOHN CRICHTON of Ruthven to David Ramsay in Jordanstone of the lands of Drumflogne: 16th October 1554. (Latin) *Parchment.*

JOHN CREYCHTOUNE of Ruthennis voluntarily and freely sells and dispones to David Ramsay in Jordenstoune, and his heirs and assignees whomsoever, his lands of Drumflogne, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Cragis within the sheriffdom of Forfar, for a certain sum of money now paid to him by the said David; which lands are to be held of the grantor and his heirs and assignees in fee and heritage for yearly payment of two silver pennies at the town of Drumflognie at Whitsunday in name of blenchfarm, if asked. There is a clause of warrandice. The charter is dated at Ruthenis, 16th October 1554; witnesses, John Alesoun, Patrick Moncur, Sir William Andersoun, chaplain, and John Lindesay, notary public. [Signed] "Jhoun Crichtoun of Rivin."

(Grantor's seal attached.)

54

PRECEPT OF SASINE in terms of above Charter: 16th October 1554. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Sasine directed by John Creychtoune de Ruthenis to David Ramsay, brother-german of George Ramsay of Bamffe, or James Creychtoun, to infeft David Ramsay in Jordenstoun in the lands of Drumflogneis, in terms of the above charter. The precept is dated at Ruthenis, 16th October 1554; witnesses, John Alesoun, Patrick Moncur, Sir William Andersoun, and John Lindesay, notary public. [Signed] "Jhoun Crichtoun of Rivin."

(Grantor's seal attached.)

55

SASINE following thereupon: 17th October 1554.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 17th October 1554, of David Ramsay in Jordenstoune, on the foregoing charter and precept, in the lands of Drumflognies. David Ramsay, brother-german of George Ramsay of Bamff, gives sasine as bailie, on the ground of the lands, about 10 a.m.; witnesses, Alexander Andersoun, Patrick Cussite (?), William Andersoun, Patrick Andersoun, and James Creychtoun. John Lindesay, clerk of the diocese of St. Andrews, notary public, appends his docquet.

56

SASINE OF GEORGE RAMSAY of Bamff in the lands of Easter Mawes: 21st May 1556. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 21st May 1556, of George Ramsay, proceeding upon a precept of sasine directed by Patrick, Lord Ruthven, Sheriff of Perth, to Alexander Borthuik and Andrew Malcome, mairs of the said sheriffdom, in terms of a Crown precept from Chancery, dated at Edinburgh, 13th May 1556, the precept reciting that the deceased Alexander Ramsay of Banff, father of the said George, died last infeft in the lands of Estir Mawis, with pertinents, and that the said George is nearest and lawful heir and is of lawful age, and requiring security to be taken for £175 for the ferms of the said lands being in the hands of the Crown for 17½ years, viz. in the hands of King James V for 4 years 1 month by reason of ward, and in the Queen's hands for 13 years 5 months 26 days, 11 years of which by reason of ward, and the remaining 2 years 5 months 26 days by reason

of non-entry; and for £10 for the relief. The precept by the Sheriff is dated 20th May 1556. Alexander Borthuik, mair foresaid, gives sasine to George Ramsay, personally, on the ground of the lands, about 4 p.m., in presence of David Rettray in Kynbachlo, James Patersone in Ardormy, Henry Forestar in Banf, Michael Ramsay in Banf, and Andrew Malcome, one of the mairs of the sheriffdom of Perth. Allan Justice, clerk of the diocese of St. Andrews, notary public, appends his docquet.

57

SASINE OF GEORGE RAMSAY of Banff in the barony of Bamff: 21st May 1556. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 21st May 1556, of George Ramsay, proceeding upon a precept of sasine directed by Patrick, Lord Ruthven, Sheriff of Perth, to Alexander Borthuik and Andrew Malcome, mairs of the said sheriffdom, to give sasine to the said George Ramsay, in terms of a Crown precept from Chancery, dated at Edinburgh, 18th May 1556, the precept reciting that the deceased Alexander Ramsay of Banf, father of the said George, died last infeft in the barony of Banf, with pertinents, excepting the lands of Petdry and the two-part lands of Kynkeldy, and that the said George is nearest lawful heir and of lawful age, and requiring security to be taken for £840 of the maills [rents] of the said barony (excepting as above) being in the hands of the Crown for 21 years past, viz. in the hands of King James V for 7 years 6 months by reason of ward, and in the Queen's hands for 13 years 5 months 26 days, 13 (*sic*) years of which by reason of ward, and 2 years 5 months 26 days by reason of non-entry; and for £40 for the relief. The Sheriff's precept is dated at Perth, 20th May 1556. Alexander Borthuik, mair foresaid, gives sasine to the said George Ramsay, personally, upon the ground of the lands and barony of Banf, about 6 p.m.;

witnesses, James Patirsone in Ardormy, Henry Forestar in Banf, Michael Ramsay in Banf, and Andrew Malcome, mair foresaid. Allan Justice, notary, appends his docquet.

58

Feu-Charter by Patrick [Hepburn], Bishop of Moray, to John Thomson of the third part of the Mains of Creuchies: 20th August 1559. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Patrick, Bishop of Moray, Commendator of Scone, with consent of his Chapter, for better policy, augmentation of the rental, and the sum of £53 9*s*. 3*d*. Scots now paid to them towards the repair of their buildings recently destroyed by fire, grants a lease to John Thomsone and the lawful heirs male begotten or to be begotten of his body, whom failing, his nearest lawful heirs male whomsoever and assignees, of the third part of the lands of the Manys of Cruquheis, with pertinents, now occupied by the said John, lying in the lordship and regality of Scone and sheriffdom of Perth; to be held of the abbots or commendators of Scone and the convent thereof, for yearly payment to them of 33*s*. 4*d*. of old rental, and 6*s*. 8*d*. for grassum every five years, and 8*s*. 4*d*. of augmentation; also to the convent and their successors 2*s*. 2*d*. of pittance silver; extending in all to 50*s*. 6*d*. payable at Whitsunday and Martinmas, in this manner, viz. at each term 48*s*. 4*d*. and two bolls of oats to the commendators, and 2*s*. 2*d*. to the convent; also rendering suit, service, etc. with duplication at entry of heirs, and with the irritancies, all as given in No. 59 *infra*. Precept is directed to James Ductour in Weltoun of Blair to give sasine. The charter is dated at the monastery of Scone, 20th August 1559; witnesses and signatories as in No. 59 *infra*.

(Fragment of seal attached.)

59

CHARTER BY PATRICK [HEPBURN], Bishop of Moray, to Thomas Ogilvie of one-third of the Welton of Creuchies presently occupied by him : 26th August 1559. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Patrick, Bishop of Moray, Commendator of Scone, and the Convent thereof, whereby in virtue of the laws and statutes of the realm providing for the leasing of property for its better cultivation and augmentation of the rental, and for the sum of £57 and 7*d.* now paid to them by Thomas Ogylwy, to be expended for the repair of the said monastery, houses, and church of the same, now burned to the ground, they grant, set, lease, and in feu farm dispone to the said Thomas Ogilwy and the heirs male lawfully procreated or to be procreated of his body, whom failing, the lawful and nearest heirs male of the said Thomas whomsoever, and their assignees, all and whole that third part of their lands of Weltoun of Cruquheis with their pertinents now occupied by the said Thomas, lying in the lordship and regality of Scone and sheriffdom of Perth : to be had and held to the said Thomas and his heirs male and assignees foresaid of the grantor and his successors, abbots or commendators, and the convent of Scone in fee and heritage for ever, by all right marches, etc., for the yearly payment of 35*s.* 10*d.* Scots as for the old ferms accustomed to be paid to them and contained in their rental, with 6*s.* 1½*d.* for grassums every five years, and 8*s.* 11*d.* of augmentation, and 2*s.* 4*d.* of pittance silver, payable to the convent, extending in all to 54*s.* 2½*d.* at two terms in the year, Whitsunday and Martinmas by equal portions, in the following manner, viz. to the abbots 51*s.* 10½*d.* with two bolls of oats at the aforesaid terms, and to the convent 2*s.* 4*d.* of pittance silver at the said terms ; giving also suit at three head courts to be held at the said monastery or elsewhere within the said

regality of Scone, and at all other courts to which the said Thomas or his foresaids shall be lawfully and duly warned in time, and attending armed upon the said abbot and his successors, when required, at the King's host, as the manner is, at their own expenses; and rendering other service to the said abbot and his successors, when required, at the grantor's expenses; reserving the herezeld (heriot) when it shall vaik (fall due) by death, with arreages, carriages, and other duties and services contained in the rental and exigible from the said lands; and doubling the feu duty at the entry of each heir. If two terms run into a third unpaid, or if the foresaid services fail to be rendered, this grant shall become void. There is a clause of warrandice, and precept is directed to James Ductour in Weltoun of Blair or Andrew Rattray of Ballincard to give sasine. Ordered to be sealed with the common seal of the monastery, the charter is dated at the said monastery as above, witnesses being Master John Douglas, vicar of Galstoun, John Bunche, Patrick Blinsele, Alexander Christy, Thomas Burnett, and Sir Walter Ramsay, notary public. [Signed] "Pa. Moravien. Epūs. de Scona Commendatarius; Henricus Abircrumby, prior, manu sua; Robertus Carwod, manu sua; Joh[ann]is Grant, manu propria; W[illelmu]s Abircrumby, manu sua; Johannis Baldowy, manu sua; Andreas Hornar, manu sua; Robertus Creychton, manu sua; Thomas Carnewacht, manu sua; Joannes Blair, manu sua; Thomas Crukschank, manu sua; W[illelmu]s Donaldson, manu sua; Jacobus Hepburne, manu sua; W[illelmu]s Hepburne, manu sua; Jacobus Pytcarne, manu sua."

(No seal attached.)

60

SASINE following on the preceding charter (No. 59): 7th September 1559. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 7th September 1559, of Thomas Ogilvy in Weltoun of Cruquhy, proceeding on the foregoing charter to him of the third part of the lands of Weltoun of Cruquhy. James Ductour in Weltoun of Blair gave sasine as bailie, on the ground of the lands, about midday, in presence of Alexander Hereis, John Baxter, Thomas Wychthand, and Andrew Bruyse. Walter Ramsay, clerk of the diocese of St. Andrews, notary public, appends his docquet.

61

SASINE OF JOHN THOMSON in the third part of the Mains of Creuchies: 7th September 1559. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 7th September 1559, of John Thomson, in the third part of the Mains of Cruquheis, proceeding upon the feu-charter in his favour, No. 58, *supra.* James Ductour gives sasine as bailie, on the ground of the lands about 3 p.m.; witnesses, David Rettray in Murtoun of Cruquheis, John Baxter of Haltoun of Cruquhy, Andrew Bruyse, servitor to George Moncreff, William Johnsone, servitor to Rannald Broun, and Thomas Wychthand in Weltoun of Cruquhy. Walter Ramsay, notary, appends his docquet.

62

SASINE OF DAVID RATTRAY in the Muirtown of Creuchies: 7th September 1559. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 7th September 1559, of David Rettray, in the lands of Muretoun of Cruquheis, on a feu-charter to him by the Commendator of Scone and his convent, dated

at Scone, 26th August. James Ductour in Weltoun of Blair gives sasine (the precept being directed to him or Andrew Rettra of Ballincard) upon the ground of the lands about 4 p.m.; witnesses, John Baxter in Haltoun of Cruquhy, Ronald Broun elder and younger, John Thomsone in Mains of Cruquheis, and Andrew Bruys. Walter Ramsay, notary public, of the diocese of St. Andrews, appends his docquet.

63

Instrument of Sasine, subscribed by James Bonnar, John Lindsay, and John Guthry, notaries, dated 19th December 1559, reciting the infeftment given by Ninian Guthry of Kingany, Sheriff-depute of Forfar, to the said David Lindsay of the said lands and barony of Alyth. (See No. 65 below.)

64

Sasine of John Spalding, son of James Spalding, of the half of the lands of Grange of Airlie: 31st January 1560–61.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 31st January 1560–61, of John Spalding, son and apparent heir of James Spalding, proceeding upon a feu-charter by Donald [Campbell], Abbot of Coupar, and his convent, to the said John and the lawful heirs male of his body, whom failing, his heirs male bearing the surname and arms of Spalding, and his male assignees of that name, of the half of the lands of Grange of Erlie with the wester toft thereof now laboured by the said James, and their pertinents, lying in the regality of St. Andrews, lordship of Coupar, and sheriffdom of Forfar; and precept of sasine by the said abbot directed to Patrick Spalding as bailie, dated at the monastery (of Coupar) 10th November 1560 and subscribed thus, "D. de Cupro; Thomas Hammiltone, prior; Willelmus Baxter, Alex^{r} Andersone, Robertus

Drisdaill, Joannes Maistirtone, Joannes Fogo, junior, Willelmus Afflek, Joannes Turnnbull, Barnardus Murdostoun, Thomas Drone, Andreas Moncur, Petrus Trentt." Patrick Spalding accordingly gives sasine to the said John, personally, upon the ground of the said lands and at the said toft, about 9 a.m. before witnesses, George Spalding, William Nichole, Robert Smyth, Andrew Rathruay (?), and John Smyth, notary public. John Robisone, clerk of the diocese of Dunblane, and notary public, appends his docquet.

65

Copy Charter by King Francis and Queen Mary to David Lindsay, eldest son and apparent heir of David, Earl of Crawford, of the lands and barony of Alyth, with tower, fortalice, tenants, etc., reserving life-rent, dated at Edinburgh 3rd July, 19th year of the Queen's reign (1561).

66

Crown Charter of Resignation to George Ramsay of Bamff and his wife, of the lands of Pitdray and Fyal: 14th May 1564.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Mary, Queen of Scots, gives, grants, and confirms to George Ramsay of Banffe and Elizabeth Wod his spouse, and the survivor of them, and their heirs or assignees, the lands of Petdrye and the lands of Foyell, with mill and mill-lands thereof, and pertinents, lying in the barony of Banffe and sheriffdom of Perth, which lands belonged heritably to the said George and were resigned by him: To be held to the foresaid George Ramsay and Elizabeth Wod, and the survivor of them, and the heirs lawfully procreated or to be procreated between them, whom failing, the lawful and nearest heirs or assignees of the said George whomsoever, of the Crown in fee and heritage, as freely as the lands were held and possessed by the said George and his predecessors before this

resignation, for yearly payment to the Crown of the dues and services accustomed to be paid therefor prior to this resignation. The charter is dated at Perth, 14th May 1564; witnesses, John [Hamilton], Archbishop of St. Andrews; James [Douglas], Earl of Mortoun and Lord Dalkeith, Chancellor (of Scotland); William [Keith], Earl Marischal, Lord Keith; Richard Maitland of Lethingtoun, knight, Keeper of the Privy Seal; Master James McGill of Rankelour Nethir, Clerk of Register; John Bellenden of Auchnoule, knight, Justice Clerk.

(Large part of the quarter seal attached.)

67

Crown Precept from Chancery to infeft George Ramsay of Bamff and his wife in the said lands: 14th May 1564.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Mary, Queen of Scots, directs the Sheriff of Perth and his bailies, particularly Thomas Scot [Sheriff-depute of Perth, and burgess thereof], to give sasine of the lands of Petdry and Foyell, etc. as above, to the said George Ramsay of Banff and his wife. Dated at Perth, 14th May 1564.

(No seal.)

68

Sasine of George Ramsay of Bamff and his wife, in the lands of Pitdray and Fyal: 10th September [1564].

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 10th September 1563 (*sic*), of George Ramsay of Banff and Elizabeth Wod his spouse, on the foregoing charter and precept. Thomas Scot, burgess of Perth, gives sasine to them personally, by delivery of earth and stone and the clap of the mill, about 3 p.m.; witnesses, Colin Campbell, son of Master David Campbell, David Ramsay, brother of the said

George Ramsa of Banf, David Narne of Blair, Patrick Millar, James Thomson, servitor to the said Thomas Scot. Walter Ramsay, notary public, of the diocese of St. Andrews, appends his docquet.

69

DECREET ARBITRAL between George Ramsay of Bamff and John Crichton of Ruthven about the lands of Kirklandbank: 15th February 1564–5. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

" AT Couper in Angus the fyftein day of Februar in the yeir of God ane thowsand fywe hundreth threscor f[our yearis],[1] we James Scrimgeour of Glaswell, David Ramsay, burges of Dunde, jugis arbitratouris and ameable compositouris eq[uallie ? chosin be]tuix honorable men Johne Creichtoun of Ruthvennis on that ane part and George Ramsay of Banfe on that uther [part taking] the burding upon him for George Ramsay his sone, be vertew of ane conpromit maid betuix the said Johne [and thame ?] of the dait at Edinburgh the xxviij day of Januar the yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} threscor four yeris, submittand . . . thairof anent the questioun and heretable richt quhilk thai or ony of tham hed or micht haif in and . . . of Kirklaybank liand within the parrochein of Elicht and schirefdome of Perthe, becuming to tham be the [richt ?] . . . Androw Creichtoun or James Creichtoun his brother or ony uther persone be quhatsumever ony uther way . . . contenit within the conpromit, We the saidis jugis beand convenit as said is, with Petir the Haye, aperand of Meginche, odman and ourman contenit in the said conpromit, and eleckit be us in presens of the perteis, [and ? the . . .] conpromit beand exceptit uponn us and the ourman forsaid, the richtis ressonis and allegationis of baith [the saidis parteis being ?] hard sein and considerit be us, we haiffand God and guid conscience befor our eis decernis

[1] Part of the outer edge of the document is frayed.

delyveris . . . and for finell sentence arbitrall furthgiffis that quhowbeit James Creichtoun, broder to umquhile And[row], hes enterrit to the landis of Kirklaybank and thaireftir sauld the samin agane to the said George Ramsay . . . and alsua that the samin landis was annel . . . the said Johne Creichtoun to the [said] George Ramsay [of Banfe?] eldir, for to put away all pley and controversie that may fallow or ryse in tyme cuming . . . bygane uponn the allenationis forsaid be ony evidentis or obligationis contrackis maid [betuix?] the said . . . George of quhatsumevir daittis tuiching the saidis landis of Kirklaybank for fermes . . . thing that ather of thame may requyr fray utheris thairanent, expenses of pley and all thingis may lefullie aryse thairupon, that the said Johne Creichtoun of Ruthvenis sall content and pay to the said George Ramsay of Banff and his sone the soume of xxj hundreth merkis money of this realm betuix this dait and Vitsonday nixt, quhilk soume abouewrytin being pait to the said George and his sone, the said George and his sone sall immediatle eftir the . . . the said soume renunce and ourgiff the saidis landis of Kirklaybank to the said Johne Creichtoun of Ruthvenis [to] remaine heretable with him and his aris, and the said George to remove himself, his sone, thair tenents and . . . thairfray at the said terme of Witsanday, the soume beand pait as said is; and gif it salhapin the said Johne [not to]... content and pay to the said George and his sone the soume of xxj^{c} merkis mone at the terme of Witsonday . . . in that caise decernis the said George, his sone, thair aris and tenents to jose ocupe meinne and bruk [the] saidis landis, set and dispone thareupon at thair plesour, without ony interruptioun to be maid to thame be the . . . his aris or ony utheris in his name, ay and quhill the pament of the said soume and to the nixt terme of . . . thaireftir, at the quhilk terme he and his sone and thair aris tenents sall remove thaimselfis gudis and geir . . . and leif the samin woyd to the effect the said Johne and his aris dispone

thairupone at his plesour as his proper . . . and the said George and his sone to renunce the saidis landis to the said Johne and his aris at quhatsumevir . . . the said Johne as his aris delyveris to thame the sade soume; onto the quhilkis tym of delyvering of the said s[oume at?] the terme of Witsonday nixt thaireftir the said Johne nor his aris nor utheris in thair names sall nocht . . . require the landis forsaidis nor nay part thairof, proffetis, maillis, dewiteis thairof, bot to be brukit [be the] said George, his sone, and thair aris, quhill the pament of the said soum and to the terme of Witsonday . . . Atour gif it hapinnis us the sadis jugis and ourmen, uponn consideration of guid causis ellis prop . . . be the said Johne to the said George, and the samin guid causis beand knawin to us to be fulfillit be the said Johne to . . . gif it salhapin us to require the said George to deduce or ellis to remit ony part of the said soume of xxj . . . in that caice the said George for the causis and considerationis to be takin be us, we findand the samin . . . , sall deduce sik part of the said soume as we sall require, and utherwais nocht, and except we require . . . of sum part thairof the said haill soume to be pait to the said George, his sone, as said is. And alsŭa we decern . . . action of reduction intentit be the said Johne and speciale of the reduction of the service of James Cry. . . . in the conpromit to ceise and tak nay forther effect and all that ma fallow thairupon with all redem . . . reversioun actionis that ather of the saidis parteis may move aganis utheris for the allenationis evidentis . . . obligationis of quhatsumevir dait anent the saidis landis of Kirklaybank except the contentis aboue . . . , be this our decreit and delyverance pronuncit be us yeir day and place forsaid, subscryvit with . . . befor thir witnes, Schir George Haliburtoun of Petcur, knicht, Maister James Haliburtoun, provest of [? Dundee] Thomas Ogilwy of Craiggis, Patrik Lindesay, David Narne of Blair." [Signed] "Petir Hay w^{t} my hand; David Ramsay v^{t} my hand."

70

DECREET OF MARCHES between the Hill of Alyth and Bamff: 16th August 1565. (*Extract on paper.*)

IN a Court of Justiciary held upon the debatable lands of Alyth (i. e. the Hill of Alyth) on 22nd June 1565 by Messrs. Edmond Hay and Thomas Bannatyne, Justice deputes under Archibald [Campbell], Earl of Argyll, Justice General, empowered by him to make perambulation of the marches between the town and lands of Alyth, with the hill, mill, parts, pendicles, and pertinents thereof, and the lands and barony of Bamff (which lands of Alyth belong to David [Lindsay], Master of Crawford, in fee, and David [Lindsay], Earl of Crawford, in life-rent; and to Alexander Ogilvie of Clovay in feu-farm, held of the said Earl; and to James Ogilby, son and apparent heir of the said Alexander, and Elizabeth Crychtoun his spouse in conjunct fee and life-rent, and to James Scrimgeour of Glaswell and Andrew Ogilvy of Drymie, his curators, and James Crichton of Easter Craig and Abraham Crichton in Halyairds, her curators, for their interests in property, held of the said Alexander; and a part of the said town called Morentene (Mornty), with mill thereof, and lands of Reidlaky and Bastirbank (these two now Loyal), belong to Margaret Grahame, wife of the said Alexander, in conjunct fee and life-rent; while the said lands of Bamff belong to George Ramsay elder of Bamff and Isobel Wod his spouse in conjunct fee and life-rent, or to George Ramsay younger, their son and apparent heir, in fee, life-rent, or otherwise): As also between the lands of Kirklabank, within the said sheriffdom, belonging to the said George Ramsay elder or younger, held of John Crychtoun of Ruthvens, and [by him?] of Robert [Crichton], Bishop of Dunkeld, or belonging to James Crychtoun, alleged brother and heir of the deceased Andrew Crichton of Kirlabank, or belonging to Isabel Wod, wife of George Ramsay, elder [and the lands

of Alyth? *omitted*]: Compeared David, Earl of Crawford, for himself and Dame Margaret Beytoun his spouse, and as administrator to David, Master of Crawford, his son and heir, and Alexander Ogilvy of Clovay for himself and Margaret Grahame his spouse, and constituted Master Richard Strang and Herbert Gladstains procurators; also James Ogilvy younger of Clovay for himself and Elizabeth Crychtoun his spouse, and their foresaid respective curators, chose the same procurators; and George Ramsay of Bamff and Isobel Wod his spouse constituted Master Alexander Syme their procurator, who is also chosen by George Ramsay younger of Bamff (who is minor) and by James Crichton, brother and heir foresaid, by their respective letters of procuratory, dated at Bamff 10th and 22nd June 1565, to both of which Baltesher Spens is notary. John Crichton of Ruthvens, the Bishop, Dean, Canons and chapter of Dunkeld, and the Queen's Advocates, and all others having interest, being called and not compearing, the pursuers requested that some friends might be admitted to assist with them as prelocutors, and the following were admitted, viz. the Laird of Fintray (Graham), the Laird of Duncrub [Rollo], the Laird of Innerquharitie [Ogilvy], James Scrymgeour of Glaswell, and Master Richard Strang; and likewise the defenders were permitted to have the assistance of the Laird of Cragyhall [Rattray], the Laird of Cultie [Cuming], David Ramsay, Colin Campbell, Master Alexander Syme, and William Ramsay. Protestation was made by Master Alexander Crychtoun, parson of Lundeth [Lundie] and "channour" of Dunkeld, for himself and in name of Robert [Crichton], Bishop of Dunkeld, and the dean and chapter, that nothing be done in their prejudice anent the lands of Kirklandbank. After debate as to the relevancy of the pursuit, the validity of diligences, etc., the case was continued till 3rd August. On that day the following persons were constituted a jury: John Mortimer of Flemington, George Symmer of Balhordie (Balzordie), John Blair apparent of Balgillo, Alexander

Strechawchin (Strachan) of Brigtoun, George Strathauchin of Lowriestoun, John Strathauchin of Thorntoun, Henry (George) Grahame of Morphie, younger, knight, Andrew Arbuthnot, younger of that ilk, David Strathauchin of Wysmetoun, John Symer of Haltown, George Lamby of Duncany (Dunnkairy), Gilbert Monorgan of that ilk, John Kynnaird of Inchesture, Thomas Malvile of Dysert, younger, James Fyffe of Drone, John Ross of Cragy, John Murray of Roclane (Rochlane). The marches were ridden by the Laird of Clovay and the procurators for his colleagues, in presence of the jury, and the following claims were produced for the pursuers.

1. "*Imprimis*, the claim and ryding betwixt the lands of Alyth and Bamff in propertie.

"Begynnand at the Bracklochburn (Brocklie Burn) *alias* callit Alkynburn runnand betwixt the lands of Alyth on the south, the lands of Bamff on the north, quhair ane stryp or runner desending northerlie down fra the Craberry Myre enters in the said burn quhilk stryp or runner lyes betwixt the lands of Alyth on the west and the lands of Boquham (Balwhyme) on the east, and fra thyn as the said burn runs west betwixt the saids lands of Alyth and Bamff threw the Broken Myre callit the Broom Slack quhile the said burn enter in the Water of Queth hard by the Milntown of Foyell, quhilk water of Queth fra that poynt passes southwart betwixt the lands of Alyth on the east and the lands of Tullyfergus perteining to the Abbacy of Cowper in the west."

2. "The claim of propertie betwixt the saids lands of Alyth and Kirklabank.

"Begynnand at the burn callit Den Burn quhilk runs betwixt the saids lands of Alyth and Kirklabank at the south end of the braid Green Balk, quhilk balk is march in that part betwixt the saids lands, and swa passand up the said balk northerlie to the heid of the samyn and to the north part of the tillid rigg

of the Kirklabank merchand in the south end of the Nynstane Leis, and fra thence west our the mercat gait to the karne of the Bank, and fra thence southwest unto the north part of ane new bankfauld, and fra thence passing west be the north fauld dyke to the west nuik thairof, and fra thence discending south be the said west dyke to the south end thereof, and fra thence passing east by ane great gray stane at the head of Todlings Brae, and fra thence to ane well callit Todlings Well, and fra the said well dissending just south be the runner thereof to the braid mercat gait, and fra thence eist as the samyn runner passing be the north part of the Scotsmens Butts runs throw the Den of the south end of the said Green balk, where the first march begowth."

The jury assigned 16th August to determine, and the case was continued till that day.

On 16th August, compearance being made for the pursuers and defenders, and Alexander Abercrumby of Murthlie compearing as procurator for Robert [Crichton], Bishop of Dunkeld, there were produced for the part of the pursuers the following writ: No. 65, above, (3rd July 1561).

The Bishop of Dunkeld's procurator produced No. 29, above, (5th April 1513); No. 63 (19th December 1559); No. 44 (28th May 1534); No. 45 (14th June 1534).

The writ (5th April 1513) was repeated by the procurators for George Ramsay, the younger, feuar of Kirklandbank and commonty of the whole hill debated, and for James Crychtoun sometime of Kirklandbank.

George Ramsay, elder, produced No. 44, above, being a Granatour (grainter) Decreet by authority of the Commissaries of Dunkeld upon all persons to declare the right marches between the lands of Bamff and Alyth, dated 28th May 1534.

George Ramsay, the elder, further produced King Alexander's charter " Magistro Nesso ", etc. (No. 1, above).

These deeds were ordered to be read to the jury. After

further debate, in the course of which it was *inter alia* urged for the pursuers "that the said Hill acclaimit is part and pertinent of the Town of Alyth to serve the samyn upon the north, lykas the lands perteining to Bamff hes thair pasturing and muir benorth his lands", there was further produced on the part of George Ramsay, elder, No. 31, of the 23rd May 1514.

After the jury had retired, George Ramsay elder of Bamff compeared, and desired to be admitted to put in his claim upon the right marches, which being referred by the jury to the judges they admitted him; and he repeated the same, namely, the Instrument of the 14th June 1534 (No. 45), and then at the judges' desire rode the marches conform thereto in presence of the assize.

Thereafter the jury unanimously found and delivered "the right marches and divisis betwix the saids lands of Alyth and the lands of Bamff beginnand at the fute of the stryp that falls out of the Crawberry myre, and fra thence passand west as the said stryp runs in the Watter of Queyth, to be the right merches betwix the saidis landis". The judges accordingly decerned these marches to be observed in time coming, and appointed their officers to set march stones, fosses ('fowseis'), gates and others conform thereto.

71

PERAMBULATION OF MARCHES between Cochrage and Mawis: 17th June 1566. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

NOTARIAL Instrument by John Robisoun, clerk of the diocese of Dunblane, reciting that on 17th June 1566 compeared Patrick, Lord Gray, Patrick, Master of Gray, George Gray, life-renter of Mawis, and William Haliburtoun of the Mains of Mawis, on the one part, and James Hering of Glasclune on the other part, with consent of Dean William Abercromy, sub-prior of the abbey

of Scone, as procurator for Patrick, Bishop of Moray, commendator of the abbey, and the convent thereof, superiors of the barony of Mawis, and with consent of Andrew Currour of Logymegle, heritor of the lands of Rochalzeach in the barony of Mawis, and submitted themselves to the arbitration of George Haliburtoun of Pitcur, knight, Thomas Fothringhame of Powry, William Bonar of Rossie, George Drummond of Blair (Blairgowrie), John Blair apparent of Balgillo, Mr. Thomas Haliburtoun in Ketnis, and Thomas Haliburtoun in Butterg[ask ?], chosen for the part of Lord Gray and his company, and William Stewart of Garntullie, James Menzeis of Weym, William Chalmer of Drumloquhy, James Hering of Drymmy, Mr. David Campbell of Denhede, Robert Creichtoun of Innernetty, and Andrew Rattra of Balnnacard, chosen for the part of James Hering, and Gilbert Monorgoun of that ilk, chosen by both parties, making fifteen persons in all, with reference to the division and perambulation of the marches debated between the lands and barony of Mawis, lying in the lordship and regality of Scone, pertaining to Lord Gray, the Master of Gray, and William Haliburton in fee, and George Gray in life-rent, and the lands of Cochrage pertaining to Hering of Glasclune. The foresaid arbiters, having all accepted, went to the debated ground and there took cognition by their own judgement and the depositions of "egit eldren men", and unanimously found and decerned the marches to be as follows: "Begynnand at ane new carne of stanis maid instantlie be the saidis jugis quhair thair wes nevir ane carne of befoir, vidilicet, at the sowth part of the said moss mure myre and landis debatable, and hes nemmit the sammyn cairne to be callit presentlie and in all tyme cuming Drummondis cairne, and fra Drummondis cairne north to ane uthir new cairne siclike maid be the saidis jugis nemmit be thame to be callit presentlie and in all tyme cuming Garntulleis cairne, and fra thine forther north to ane uthir new cairne lykwais maid be the jugis foirsaidis now and in

all tyme heireftir to be nemmit Menzeis carne, and fra that yit northt quhill it cum to the entres of the umest forkis of the burn of Auldnaquhilleych, quhair the saidis jugis hes maid ane uthir new cairne to be callit the day and dait heirof and in all tyme cuming Rosseis carne, and frathine discending north and doun the said burne of Auldnaquhilleyth and that as the sammyn burne rynnis and enteris in the Water of Ardill." The parties agree to abide by this decision and maintain these marches inviolate.

(Tags for nine seals, but none attached.)

72

CHARTER BY DAVID, EARL OF CRAWFORD, to James Crichton of Easter Craigs of the lands of Watersheill: 2nd June 1568.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by David, Earl of Crawfurd, selling and disponing to James Creichtoun of Eistir Craiggis and his heirs and assignees the town and lands of Watterscheill, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Alicht and sheriffdom of Perth, for a certain sum of money: To be held of the grantor blench for yearly payment of a penny if asked. Precept is directed to Thomas Smyth to give sasine. The charter is dated at Finevin (Finavon), 2nd June 1568; witnesses, James Crychtoun, portioner of Formell, John Brown in Leytwe (Leitfie), Andrew Symmer, the grantor's servitor, and John Lindesay of Merkcus (Marcus), notary public. [Signed] "David, Erll of Craufurd."

(Seal of grantor appended, broken.)

Jotting at foot states that on 7th June 1568 Sasine was given by said Thomas Smyth in presence of Patrick Crichton, Alexander Anderson, Patrick Anderson in Watterschell.

73

FEU-CHARTER BY BISHOP OF MORAY to George Drummond of Newton of fishings on Water of Ericht: 21st and 29th September 1570. (Latin) *Parchment.*

FEU-CHARTER by Patrick [Hepburn], Bishop of Moray and Commendator of Scone, and convent thereof, to George Drummond of Neutoun and Katherine Hay his spouse in conjunct infeftment, and George Drummond, younger, their son, in fee, of their salmon fishing upon the water of Areicht (Ericht) called the fishing of Ketht (Keith), which they formerly leased to William Chalmer of Drumloquhy in life-rent and to William Chalmer, younger, his son and apparent heir, in fee, who resigned the same in favour of the said George Drummond: To be held of the abbots and convent of Scone for yearly payment to them of 8 marks 6*s.* 8*d.* of old ferms and augmentation, with suit at three head courts, and doubling the foresaid rental at the entry of heirs. Precept is directed to Andrew Rattra (Rattray) of Balnnacard or James Robertsoun to give sasine. The charter is dated at Spyne 21st September, and at Scone 30th September, 1570; witnesses, Patrick Kynnard of Laik, Robert Hepburne, Thomas Law, Esquire, Andrew Rattra of Balnnacard, John Bunche and James Abircrommy. Signed by the grantor, and by Henry Abircrumby, Prior, William Abircrumby, Thomas Carnvorth, James Pitcarn, Thomas Moresoun, William Donaldson, Thomas Crukschank, and Robert Crychtone.

(Round seal appended).

II



SEAL OF GEORGE RAMSAY I
1556–1580

III



SEAL OF GEORGE RAMSAY II
1580–1620

74

LIFE-RENT CHARTER BY GEORGE RAMSAY of Bamff to Elizabeth Mercer, his daughter-in-law : 9th December 1572.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by George Ramsay of Banff, in implement of marriage contract between him and George Ramsay, his son and apparent heir, on the one part, and Laurence Marsare (Mercer) of Mekillour (Meikleour), and Elizabeth Marsar (Mercer), his lawful daughter, on the other part, dated 21st November 1572, granting and confirming to the said Elizabeth Mercer in life-rent and the heirs male between her and the said George Ramsay, younger, all and whole his lands of Ester Mawes, with the woods thereof and pertinents, now occupied by the grantor and by Archibald Syme, David Clyde, Janet Spalding, and John Glaschen, in the barony thereof and sheriffdom of Perth, and the lands of Pitdry and Kinkeadley in the barony of Banf, equivalent to a tierce of the lands and barony of Banff, mill thereof, and half lands of Woodwrae and third part of Auchteralyth : Ester Mawes to be held in life-rent of the grantor during the lifetime of the said Elizabeth, and the lands of Baldrye and Kinkedley after the decease of the grantor and his said son, for payment to the Crown, as superior, of the accustomed services. Precept is directed to Philip Falay in Banff to give sasine to the said Elizabeth " *alias* Isobelle " Merser. Dated at Banff, 9th December 1572 ; witnesses, David Ramsay, the grantor's brother, Colin Campbell apparent of Denheid, Andrew Merser, burgess of Perth, William Stewart, Philip Fallow, and John Davidsoune, notary. [Signed] " George Ramsay of Banf."

(Grantor's seal appended, intact.)

75

DECREET ARBITRAL between John Crichton of Ruthven and George Ramsay of Bamff about the lands of Kirklandbank: 17th February 1573–4. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

AT Stirling, 17th February 1573, Laurence Merser of Mekilhour and Patrick Creychtoun of Strathurd, as arbiters chosen for John Creychtone of Ruthven and Andrew Creychtone, natural son of deceased Andrew Crichton of Kirklandbank, on the one part, and George Ramsay of Bamff and his son George on the other part, to settle disputes, particularly as to reduction of a retour moved by said Andrew Crichton against James Crichton, wherein the said George Ramsay and his son have special interest to defend, find this reduction pursued entirely to the hurt of the said George and his son, and therefore ordain the same to cease; and having seen a decreet arbitral formerly pronounced between the said John and George as to the heritable right of the lands of Kirklandbank, dated at Coupar, 15th February 1564,[1] enjoining the said John to pay to the said George and his son 2,100 merks for renunciation of the said lands disponed to them by the said John, they ratify this decreet and find that the said John has failed to perform his condition during nine years past and all that time he or the said Andrew at his instance have molested and troubled the said George and his son, "in the law and by (without) the law", thus causing them great expense. They therefore grant warrant to the said George to pursue the said John for payment and redemption of the lands, so that George may at Whitsunday thereafter make renunciation thereof; and they ordain the said John to pay presently 300 merks of expenses to the said George, unless the premises are now performed. Witnesses, Andrew Merser, apparent of Mekilhour,

[1] Above, No. 64.

Henry Creychton, brother german of the Laird of Strathurd, Robert Ramsay, notary, William Merser, Master Malcolm Merser. [Signed] "Larenc Messer off Meklour; Patrik Creichtoun off Strathourd."

76

RENUNCIATION BY GEORGE RAMSAY of Bamff to John Crichton of Ruthven of the lands of Kirklandbank: 27th June 1574.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

RENUNCIATION by George Ramsay of Banff, and George Ramsay his son and apparent heir, with consent of his father as tutor and administrator to him, in favour of John Crechtoun of Rothvenis and his heirs and assignees, of the lands of Kyrklaybank, in parish of Aleyth and sheriffdom of Perth, and all the right they have thereto, and all deeds relating to the same, viz. Charter of alienation by him to the said George, Sasine to him, 13 June 1561, and Sasine to James Creichtoun, brother and heir of dec. Andrew Crichton, 11th December 1564, and Sasine by said James Crichton to said George Ramsay, younger, of said date. This is for 1,600 merks now paid by the said John Crichton; and they renounce the decreet arbitral containing 2,100 merks. They also renounce an annual rent of victual disponed to them by Alexander Ogilve of Cloway out of the said lands. They reserve the growing crop till it is reaped, but all other parts of the lands the said John Crichton may intromit with freely. Dated at Alitht, 27th June 1574; witnesses, Alexander Ogilbe of Cloway, William Hay of Gourdy, John Narne of Mukcarsy, Andrew Ogilbie of Meigvie, James Ogilvie of Lawis, Alexander Wedderburn, Balthazar Spens, and John Sowter, notaries public. [Signed] "Jhoun Crichtoun of Ru[thven]is; George Ramsay of Banff; George Ramsay, yowner; Patrik Creichtoun of Strathourd; Larence Messor off Meklour." The last two are cautioners for the said George and his son to warrant this renunciation.

77

CHARTER TO DAVID DEMPSTER AND ELIZABETH RAMSAY his wife, of half of the lands of Pitforkie : 21st August 1575.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by James Dempster, citizen of Brechin, portioner of the town and lands of Pitforkie, because of a contract between him and David Dempster his son and apparent heir, on the one part, and George Ramsay of Banf, and Elizabeth R. his daughter, on the other part, dated at . . . 1574, for infefting the said David and Elizabeth in the half of the town and lands of Pitforkie, with pertinents, in the lordship of Brechin, holding blench of the grantor. Dated at Brechin, 21st August 1575; witnesses, Master Thomas Ramsay, commissary of Brechin, Thomas Ramsay, son of George R. of Banff, Thomas Myl, citizen of Brechin, John Kyd in Wester Wodwray, and John Lyndsay of Markhouse, notary public. [Signed] " James Dempster v^{t} my hand."

78

INSTRUMENT concerning the reversion of the middle third part of Auchteralyth, wadset to George Ramsay of Bamff: 19th November 1575. *Paper.*

NOTARIAL Instrument by William Schewane reciting a contract made at Keremuir (Kirriemuir), 19th November 1575, in his presence, between George Ramsay of Bamfe on the one part and David Ogilbie, franktenementar of one-third of Auchteralyth, and John O. his son, fiar thereof, on the other part, whereby the said David and John having infeft the said George in the middle third part of the lands of Auchteralycht, in the barony of Alyth, under reversion for 180 merks after three years, the said George obliges himself to grant a reversion to the said David and John and their heirs only, excluding assignees, and they renounce

all other form of reversion given by him before this date. He grants a backtack to them for yearly payment of 18 merks. If George Spalding, who claims to be infeft in the same subjects upon a reversion of 50 merks, causes the said George to be evicted, the said David and John will assign to the said George the right of that reversion that he may recover what sum he can from Spalding. Witnesses to the Instrument are, Thomas Bursie in Keremuir, Adam Graham, John Cargyl, servants to the said George, and David Ramsay, brother of the said George.

79

CHARTER BY JAMES CRICHTON of Easter Craig to George Ramsay of Bamff of the lands of Watershiel: 5th March 1575–6.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by James Creichtoun of Eister Crag, in fulfilment of a contract between him and George Ramsay of Bamff, dated at Dundee, 4th March 1575, selling and disponing to him and his heirs and assignees the town and lands of Walterscheill, with houses, crofts, and pertinents, lying in the forest and barony of Alyth, for a certain sum of money: To be held from the grantor of David, Earl of Crawford, superior, in blenchfarm, for a penny if asked. Dated at Dundee, 5th March 1575, witnesses being, Patrick Blair, brother german of the Laird of Balthayok, Adam Grahame, Andrew Piggat, John Wobster, and Thomas Irland, notary. The grantor signs by the notary's aid, and Patrick Blair signs.

80

ANOTHER CHARTER to same effect: same date.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

ANOTHER Charter by same to same, of the foresaid town and lands of Walterscheill, holding of David, Earl of Crawford, for yearly payment of 4*d.*, with duplication, and paying to the grantor 1*d.* of blenchfarm if asked; reserving the Earl's right to redeem the lands for 200 merks, on granting a tack of the subjects to the said George Ramsay and his heirs and assignees for 16 years after redemption, for 8 merks of yearly tack duty. Same witnesses as before.

(Seal of grantor attached.)

81

REVERSION BY JAMES CRICHTON of Easter Craig upon the lands of west third part of Auchteralyth: 6th March 1575–6.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

LETTER of Reversion by James Crichton of Easter Craig reciting that in terms of contract between them dated at Dundee, 4th March 1575–6, George Ramsay of Banff has disponed to him the west third part of the lands of Ouchteralyth, last occupied by the deceased David Ramsay, his brother german; but James Crichton binds himself to renounce the same on receiving payment of 400 merks and a six-years tack of the said subjects after redemption for yearly payment of 16 bolls of victual, half bere half oatmeal, to be delivered at the manor place of Banff. Dated at Dundee, 6th March 1575–6; witnesses, Patrick Blair, brother german of the Laird of Balthyock, Adam Grahame, Andrew Piggat, John Wobster, Ronald Brown, and Thomas Irland, notary.

82

SASINE following upon No. 79, *supra*: 12th March 1575–6. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 12th March 1575, given by John Cargyll, as bailie, to George Ramsay of Banff in terms of foregoing Charter (No. 79). Done on the ground about 10 a.m. in presence of Patrick Anderson, Simon Blair in Watterschell. William Schewane is notary.

83

CONFIRMATION BY DAVID, EARL OF CRAWFORD, of No. 79, *supra*: 25th May 1577. (Latin) *Parchment.*

DAVID, Earl of Crawford, with consent of John Lindsay of Evelick and Patrick Lindsay, his curators, confirms the foregoing charter (No. 79), and also a disposition of that part of the said lands called Craighede referred to in a contract between the Earl and the said George Ramsay, dated this day. The confirmation is dated at Dundee 25th May 1577; witnesses, David Lindsay of Barnyardis, David Ramsay of Jurdenstoun, William Duncane, burgess of Dundee, Thomas Auchinlek, Robert Weddirburne, and Alexander Weddirburne, notaries. [Signed] "David, Erle of Craufurd; Alexander Lindsay of Vane; John Lyndsay of Ewylyk."

84

CHARTER OF RESIGNATION by David, Earl of Crawford, to George Ramsay of Bamff and his son, of the lands of Watershiel, etc.: 25th May 1577. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by David, Earl of Crawford, baron of Alyth, with consent of John Lyndesay of Evilick, and Patrick Lyndesay, the Earl's father's brother, his curators, whereby in implement of

a contract between him and them on the one part and George Ramsay of Banff and George R. his son and apparent heir on the other part, dated at Dundee 25th May 1577, he dispones to the said George Ramsay in life-rent and his said son and the heirs male of his body, whom failing his heirs male whomsoever bearing the name and arms of Ramsay, the lands and town of Watterscheill with the pendicle called Craigheid, with houses buildings tofts crofts parts privileges and pertinents whatsoever, now occupied by Patrick Anderson, Andrew Adame, William Henderson and John Reid; which lands belonged to James Crichton of Easter Craigis and were disponed by him to George Ramsay of Banff, and resigned by him in the hands of the Earl, as superior, for the purpose of this new infeftment: Holding of the grantor in fee and heritage and free blenchfarm for 1*d.* yearly if asked. Precept is directed to David Lyndesay of Kynnettillis (Kinnettles) to give sasine. Dated at Dundee, 25th May 1577; witnesses, David Lyndesay of Barneyardis, David Ramsay of Jurdenstoun, William Duncan, burgess of Dundee, Thomas Auchinleck, Robert Wedderburne, and Alexander Wedderburne, notaries. Signed by the Earl and his curators.

(Seal of the Earl attached, entire.)

85

REVERSION BY GEORGE RAMSAY of Bamff and his son, of the above lands: 26th May 1577. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

LETTER of Reversion by George Ramsay of Banffe and George R. his son and apparent heir, reciting the foregoing charter, and in implement of the contract therein mentioned obliging themselves to renounce the lands on payment of 1,000 merks, and grant to the said George Ramsay, elder, for life, or to the said George R. younger, and his heirs for 16 years, of a tack of the same for yearly payment of 8 merks. Dated at Dundee,

26th May 1577; witnesses, as the foregoing. [Signed] "George Ramsay of Banf; George Ramsay yownger off Banff."

(Two seals, being duplicates.)

The deed is cut in three places.

86

SASINE OF LAURENCE HALIBURTON of Mawis in the Mains of Mawes: 16th February 1577–8. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 16th February 1577, of Laurence Haliburtoun of Mawis, on a precept of Clare Constat by Robert, Commendator of Dunfermline, Secretary, and Master David Borthwik of Lochhill, H.M. Advocate, commissioners for entering vassals in kirklands, directed to Master Thomas Ramsay to infeft the said Laurence as heir to the deceased William Halyburton of Mawis, his father, in the Mains of Mawis, Tamnamune, Carnquhinnok, and the Cottoun, with pendicles and pertinents thereof, lying in the lordship of Scone, formerly occupied by the deceased John Haliburton elder, and his tenants, holding of the Abbey of Scone for £10 with duplicand, and three suits of court. Dated at Edinburgh, 21st January 1577, witnesses, Master George Young, Edward Bruce, Patrick Fylour, servitors to the said Commendator, James Streweling and Henry Levimonth, servitors to the said advocate, and Henry Sinclair, notary. Sasine was given on the ground of the lands about 2 p.m. in presence of Archibald Sym in Hiltoun of Mawis, John Morgowne in Morgonstoun, John Haliburtoun, brother german of the said Laurence, and Thomas Auchinlek, the notary.

87

TACK BY COLIN III, EARL OF ARGYLL, to George Ramsay of Bamff, of the teinds of Bamff, etc.: 2nd November 1578.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

COLIN, Earl of Argyll, principal tacksman of the teinds of the parish of Eliche, with consent of his spouse, sets in tack to George Ramsay of Baneff and his heirs and assignees his teind sheaves of Banff which he possessed of before, together with the teind sheaves of the two-thirds of Auchterelik, in the parish of Elith, for a term of 15 years from Lammas 1576, paying for the former £20 yearly, and for the latter £4 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly. Dated at Streveling, 2nd November 1578; witnesses, Alexander [Campbell], Bishop of Brechin, John Hoigstoun, Master Robert Flescher, and William Huttoun. [Signed] "Argyll; Annas Keyth."

(Two seals.)

88

CONTRACT between George Ramsay of Bamff and David Crichton of Easter Craig concerning the third part of Auchteralyth: 6th October 1579. *Paper.*

NOTARIAL Instrument, dated at Banff 6th October 1579, reciting a contract of that date between George Ramsay elder of Banff, and George R. younger, his son and apparent heir, on the one part, and David Creichtoun of Easter Crag and Helen Quhytlaw his spouse, on the other part, whereby Crichton undertakes to obtain from David, Earl of Crawford, a charter to the said George Ramsay elder in life-rent, and George R. younger and his heirs and assignees, of the sunny third part of the lands and town of Auchteralyth, for 1*d.* yearly of blenchfarm, reserving a third part of the trees of the wood pertaining thereto; whereupon they shall pay to the Earl 200 merks, and grant a reversion,

containing the said sum with obligation to grant a tack of the subjects for 19 years after redemption, for yearly payment of 10 merks. For this favour the said George Ramsay, elder and younger, shall pay to the said David Crichton and his spouse 750 merks, they renouncing and disponing the 19 years' tack thereof which they now have of the Earl. Witnesses to the contract are Master Thomas Ramsay, son of Thomas R. in Auchtertyr, Master Thomas Ramsay, son of the said George R. elder, John Cargyll in Pedowy, Philip Fallow, and William Schewan, the notary.

(14) GEORGE RAMSAY II

(James VI, King of Scotland 1567–1625)

George Ramsay son of George held the barony of Bamff for eight-and-thirty years, and we have of his time no less than eighty charters; but of these just one-half merely record the devolutions of the petty subdivisions of Creuchies, namely, the Halton, the Mains, the Muirton, the Welton, none of them as yet incorporated with Bamff; in fact, with respect to one of them, the Halton or Hatton, we find George disposing of his interest therein for £2,100 Scots (Nos. 124, 125, etc.). With these Creuchies charters we may pass over two relating to portions of Ardormy not yet re-united to Bamff, namely Charters 96 and 101.

On the 1st October 1580 George was admitted to one-third of Drumflogne (Nos. 89, 94, 95); and later in the month to the barony of Bamff and Easter Mawes. Seisin is stated to have been taken at the mansion house of Bamff or principal messuage of the barony. A few years later we shall have at Bamff a "principal messuage" of a more ambitious character. Again we have a double 'extent' or valuation of the property given namely as £60 now, but 'in the time of the peace £15'.[1] The 'time of the peace' as already mentioned meant the time of Alexander III, before the outbreak of the war with Edward I, when a fixed valuation for purposes of taxation had been established. But in spite of the wars the value of land, or its money value, had risen and was rising. At the accession of George's father Bamff was given as worth £40 a year; now it is worth £60 a year.

On the 25th November 1581 a precept of Clare Constat was

[1] In No. 26, above, the old value was given as 40 marks (£26 6*s.* 8*d.*).

issued by David 11th Earl of Crawford for infefting George Ramsay of Bamff, as heir to his father, in one-third of Auchteralyth.[1]

From a Royal charter not in our collection we learn that George had also entered into possession of the Wester third part of Woodwrae, but that it had been alienated by him and his son Gilbert at some period anterior to the 22nd February 1614, and conveyed to one John Lindsay son of the late John Lindsay, knight (Appendix A, No. 2).

The house in the Flukargate of Dundee had devolved on John Ramsay, the late George's second son. On the 15th November 1585 we find him confirming the sale of it to his brother Master Thomas; the premises are described as situate between the house of Robert Rollok and that of the Constable of Dundee (No. 105).[2]

On the 2nd July 1586 "Bessie" Mercer, George's wife, married in 1572, was legally invested in her dower of the Middle and Wester thirds of Auchteralyth (No. 106); while on the 4th and 8th October following, we find the sunny or Easter third of the same lands conveyed to George and Bessie by way of wadset or mortgage by David, 10th Earl of Crawford, for 900 marks (No. 107). Possession, however, was eventually made absolute in the person of their son Gilbert by a Bond of Relief granted by James VII, Lord Ogilvy, afterwards 1st Earl of Airlie (25th March 1619, No. 171).

The next charter that I need notice (No. 112, 20th September 1590) has a double interest, first as a record of fraternal affection, and secondly as in a manner bringing us into touch with the present day. The document records the grant by Master Samuel Ramsay to 'a worthy youth', his nephew Alexander, third son of his brother George Ramsay II, of a fifth part of his (Samuel's) lands of Crottie in the county of Perth; the grant is said to be

[1] MS. Inventory of Bamff charters etc., item 463.

[2] Thomson, History of Dundee, p. 333.

made in return for the many services rendered to the grantor by his brother the laird. The portrait of 'the worthy youth', Alexander, is hanging before me as I write, taken in the year 1664 when he was 82 years of age, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. He must have been eight years old at the time of the grant. The charter further introduces us to John Ramsay of Jordanstone, son of David; also to a David Ramsay, Minister of Alyth, presumably his brother; their relationship to Bamff, however, I have not traced.

A year later we have another assemblage of Ramsays, presumably related, though I cannot identify all of them. Charter No. 113 (10th September 1591) records the grant by Henry Ramsay of the sunny half of the Lawes and the shady half of Baldovie, both in the county of Forfar, to John Ramsay son of the late Henry Ramsay and his wife [ ] Arbuthnot. The witnesses are the laird of Bamff; John Ramsay of Jordanstone and David the Minister of Alyth; Robert and Michael Ramsay of North Nevay, Walter Ramsay, and yet another undetermined Ramsay by name John. Nos. 156 and 163 attest leases of the teinds of Ardownie in favour of the same Henry Ramsay the grantor.

Our next group of documents, Nos. 114, 115, 116, 117, of the 15th and 17th May 1595, may be considered the most important set of George's time, being the resettlement of Bamff and Easter Mawes by Royal charter with the reacquisition and reincorporation of the west half of Ardormy, i. e. Ardormy without Shealwalls. Shealwalls, now a separate holding, was formerly part of Ardormy. The barony is again settled on George Ramsay 'and his heirs male bearing the name and arms of Ramsay'. The Royal charter (No. 115) further confirms several earlier charters granted by Earls of Crawford and others. But for all these favours a price has to be paid, and the valuation, which previously stood at £40, is now raised to £80 a year, with 500 marks as the "avail" of the heir on marriage. This tax was an impost unknown to

English feudal law, being a fine to be paid on the marriage of the tenant's son; analogous to the fines payable by female wards of the Crown for leave to dispose of their own hands. But the demand here for 500 marks for the "avail" was most exorbitant, the usual rate being two years' rent, which would have amounted to £160 instead of £333 6*s*. 8*d*. Scots money at this time, I may point out, had sunk to about one-tenth of the English currency.[1] But, for the family, the most interesting piece of information that we get from our charter of 1595 is the fixing of the date of the castle, the central part of the existing mansion house, and which, with additions, has been the family residence ever since. When George II took seisin in 1580 he was admitted to the 'mansion house' or 'principal messuage' of the barony. In 1595 the Royal charter installs him in the "Manes (Mains) of Bamff, tour, manerplace, fortalis, ortcheardes, &c." The fortalice, i.e. the moat and outworks, have been removed, but the tower remains. The reference to orchards suggests the setting out of a garden; and in fact we shortly get a document attested by the Bamff gardener. The castle therefore was built by George II between 1580 and 1595.

Next year (1596) we are introduced to a marriage contract, namely, one between George's daughter Isobel and Patrick Blair of Ardblair; the contract was dated 1st and 14th October 1590, and had been made between George and Isobel of the one part, and the late Andrew Blair, father of Patrick, and Patrick Blair of the other part (No. 122). By it the two fathers bound themselves between them at any term of Michaelmas on demand to provide the young couple with the following outfit. Fifty bolls of oats, half in-field and half out-field oats, with 16 bolls of bere (barley), 12 draught oxen, and 2 horses worth £40. They also bind themselves between them to provide the young couple with "twa pluchmen's boll" the first year that the pair

[1] See Table in Appendix B.

should themselves begin to cultivate land at Ardblair. Our charter (No. 122) testifies that George Ramsay has performed his share of the contract, and that Patrick Blair has received from him 25 bolls of oats, 8 bolls of bere, 6 draught oxen and a horse worth £20. The mysterious pledge as to the ' ploughman's boll ' comes out as involving the delivery of seven bolls of oats for one ploughman. Down to a recent period when ploughmen were fed entirely on oatmeal, a ploughman's allowance was half a boll every four weeks, or six and a half in the year. But a boll of meal took two bolls of oats, so that a ploughman's keep for a year would require thirteen bolls of oats. The seven bolls therefore of oats would only supply meals for one man for half a year. A boll of oats measured six quarters; a boll of bere five quarters.

Charter No. 123 (13th May 1598) shows Bamff borrowing from Craighall, as it brings to light a former grant by George Ramsay to Jean Rattray, daughter of the late David Rattray of Craighall, of an annual rent or rent charge of 50 marks, redeemable for 500 marks. Jean having now passed away her brother Master James Rattray, as her heir, becomes entitled to the rent, subject always to redemption on repayment of the 500 marks. The transaction thus was the grant of a redeemable annuity, the rate of interest again being 10 per cent. George's eldest sister Isobel was married to a David Rattray of Craigholl (below).

I pass to charters Nos. 127 and 128, dated 4th November 1600, and giving effect to the stipulations of the marriage contract entered into between Gilbert Ramsay, eldest son of George Ramsay II, and Isabel Ogilvy, daughter of James Ogilvy of Clova. The lands of Easter Mawes and Hilton of Mawes with Ardormy are settled on the young couple. But there is no word of any marriage portion for the bride. Guarantors, however, were thought to be necessary, probably in connexion with stipulations that have not come down to us. On the bride's side we have John Stirling of Brakie, and John Ogilvy of Coilzeine;

and on the bridegroom's side Laurence Mercer of Meikleour, James Crichton of Ruthven, Patrick Blair of Ardblair, and John Ramsay of Jordanstone. From No. 127 we further learn that Ardormy had been recovered from the Scrymgeours.

Eight years later, I am sorry to say we find the young couple borrowing money, namely 500 marks, and as surety mortgaging a third of Easter Mawes to the actual tenants, one Marjory Blair or Richie and her son John Richie (No. 139, 1st and 2nd December 1608). There is no question of any payment of interest by the mortgagors, as the feoffment vests the property absolutely in the mortgagees for their use and benefit, subject only to a trifling rent of 40 marks and twelve "pultrie cok and hen" a year.

But the mortgagees give the mortgagors a right of redemption by a "Letter of Reversion"; the mortgagees, however, to be kept on as tenants for a year after redemption. Minute provisions in this event as to rent in money and kind, multure, cutting of peat, and the like follow. This kind of hypothecation, where the tenant took the issues of land, was known to Roman law as *vivum vadium*, 'living pledge',[1] as opposed to *mortuum vadium*, or 'dead pledge', where the land remained in the hands of the mortgagor.

Charter No. 140 (14th and 22nd July 1612) is the marriage contract entered into between Jean Ramsay or Nicholson, daughter of George II and widow of Master James Nicholson, late Minister of Meigle, on the one part, and Master John Lindsay, brother of James Lindsay of Dowhill, on the other part; James Lindsay to "wair and bestow", i.e. invest and settle, 10,000 marks for the benefit of his wife and children; the money to be so invested as not to yield less than 1,000 marks per annum; but this sum again is interpreted as being equivalent in kind to "ten chalders of victual", one-third bere and two-thirds oatmeal. The chalder, I am told, held sixteen bushels. John

[1] Blackstone, i. 289 (ed. Stephens).

Lord Lindsay of the Byres, the Master of Lindsay, John Ramsay of Whitehill, and William Shaw of Lawthangye join as guarantors for the 10,000 marks.

Of the date of the 12th June 1611 (Charter No. 149) we have a pleasing fraternal arrangement by which Alexander M.D., Thomas, and George, the younger sons of our George II, make reciprocal appointments of each other as executors and legatees, failing issue, or inconsistent testamentary dispositions. David, the second brother, would seem to have passed away, and neither of them seems as yet to have been married. Alexander signs as *Medicinæ Doctor*.

Charters Nos. 150 and 151 (23rd June 1612) record the important acquisition of Watersheal, and the so-called " pendicle " of Craighead, in the Forest of Alyth, now the central part of the Bamff moor, gained by a disposition by David, 12th Earl of Crawford, in favour of Gilbert Ramsay, younger of Bamff. The affair was in the nature of a foreclosure, being the release by the Earl of all right of redemption of a mortgage of 1,200 marks laid on the property by his, the Earl's, father.

We have seen that one-third of Auchteralyth had been in the possession of Bamff for some generations (above). Our charter No. 171 appears to record the acquisition of another third, taken in the name of Gilbert Ramsay, eldest son of George Ramsay, but not *qua* heir to George, the conveyance thus implying an accession of property (25th March 1619). As a set-off to this we may point to the loss of the west third of Woodwrae, already noticed (Appendix A, No. 2).

Tacks or leases of teinds in favour of George Ramsay will be found in Nos. 97–100, 126, 142, with a " Decreet of Prorogation ", issued on the 28th February 1618, extending the existing lease to 101 years from the 16th December 1584 (No. 162); the extension is granted in consideration of an increased tack duty, the contribution to the stipend of the Minister of Alyth payable by the

tacksman or lessee being continued at nine bolls of victual, two-thirds oats and one-third bere, the usual proportions. The Prorogation or extension is granted by the Commissioners for the Plantation of Kirks and valuation of teinds, now represented by the so-called Court of Teinds, by which new parishes (*quoad sacra* parishes) are carved out where needed. They must have been appointed in compliance with a resolution of a General Assembly, held in March 1600 at Montrose, calling for measures for building new Kirks in large parishes.[1] Alyth, as we have seen, had a Kirk long before the year 1600, and a chapel in the churchyard dedicated to St. Ringan, to boot. But the three ruined arches of the old Kirk at Alyth might be referred to the seventeenth century, and so might be due to some action on the part of the Commissioners for the Plantation of Kirks. The east end of the Kirk shows relics of a much earlier building.

Three more charters of the time of George II remain, but not one of them has any connexion with Bamff. No. 93 is a charter by Patrick, Master of Gray, of one-fourth part of Middle Mawes to John Arthur, and that "by way of runrig", i.e. as a share in a Common Field. This is only the second notice so far that has appeared in our charters of any cultivation in common. But in fact the rolling slopes of the land at Bamff, intersected by little burns and gullies, was not at all suited to the big open fields required for cultivation in common.

The other two documents, Nos. 158 and 159, are concerned with the affairs of the late Andrew Morton or Myrton, sometime Minister of Lundie near Dundee, who died in December 1613. No. 158 is the inventory of his goods, chattels, and personal estate; we had the inventory of the effects left by Alexander Ramsay II about the year 1542 (No. 47 A); the contrast between the poverty of the laird and petty baron of the sixteenth century and the comfortable circumstances of the seventeenth-

[1] Calderwood, Church History, p. 337.

century Minister of the Reformation Kirk is truly startling. To begin with, the Minister leaves eight oxen, two cows, and a calf, when Alexander Ramsay had but two oxen and no cow at all. Alexander's clothes, furniture, and implements—all that he had—came to just £169 6*s.* 9*d.* Under the same head the minister's widow returns £522, the whole estate amounting to £2,540 6*s.* 8*d.*, Scots of course. An analysis of the assets is most interesting. These consist mainly of money lent to individuals on personal bonds—with guarantors joining in security—in sums varying from £20 to £200, with large additional charges for " expenses ". But we also have very heavy arrears of stipend—probably rather doubtful debts—mostly expressed in " bolls of victual ". The claims for stipend extend to lands in Fife and Forfar, as well as in Perthshire. Charter No. 159 is an agreement for a change of the guardianship of the children of the late Minister, the actual guardian desiring to be relieved of his office. With such an estate to manage and realize, an executor might well be glad to hand over his duties to a successor.

The Bamff Ramsays were distinctly men of letters and men of peace, but they could not always keep clear of the troubles that surrounded them. In 1600 George and his cousin John Ramsay of Jordanstone were bound down to keep the peace against the Ogilvys in their feud with Alexander Lord Spynie. (Register of Acts of Council.) It seems odd that George should be thought hostile to the Ogilvys when his son was married to a daughter of Clova. But Clova, held from 1445 till near the end of the century by a scion of Inverquharity under the Crawfords, had since been held by the Ogilvys of Airlie, and in fact the feud of the Crawfords was not with the Airlie Ogilvys but with the Ogilvys of Inverquharity, and, probably, it was against attacking them that the Ramsays were warned. " Spynie " was Alexander Lindsay, younger son of David, 10th Earl of Crawford, a favourite of James VI, who created him Lord Spynie with large endowments

from church lands. He was assassinated in the High Street of Edinburgh by mistake for his nephew, then the Master, and afterwards the 11th Earl, of Crawford.

As a sign of the times and the spread of education, I may point out that in the charters of the time of George Ramsay II we begin to get more frequent signatures to deeds in the handwriting of witnesses. Another fact worthy of notice is the frequent appearance of men of good family as ministers of parishes, of which we have had some instances already. An order by a sheriff of the 9th July 1609, for the registration of a bond for money due by George Ramsay to Laurence Mercer, shows the latter as minister at Fossochie; he was clearly of the Aldie family and probably George's brother-in-law.[1]

As a succession in a collateral branch of the family I note the retour of Gilbert Ramsay as *heres conquestus fratris Davidi Ramsay de Changzie in baronia de Innerqueich*, 1606.

George left a will, dated 22nd December 1582, not long after he came into the property.[2] He must have passed away between the 25th March 1619, when Gilbert was still "apparent of Bamff", and 3rd June 1620, when the latter was admitted to the barony (No. 172).

By Elizabeth Mercer, daughter of Lawrence Mercer of Aldie, George had

1. Gilbert, who succeeded him.
2. David (Nos. 124, 127).
3. Alexander, b. 1581–2, matriculated at the University of Heidelberg, 8th November 1606 (MS. note to Douglas's Baronage); Doctor of Medicine of Basel, 16th February 1610; admitted Candidate of Royal College of Physicians, 9th February 1616–17; Fellow, 21st April 1618; one of the Physicians to

[1] Communicated by a friend.
[2] Register of Edinburgh Testaments.

Charles I, 1635;[1] signs as *Med. Doct.*, No. 149; portrait taken in 1662, æt. 82, still extant at Bamff.

4. Thomas (No. 149).

5. George (Nos. 139, 146), signatory of a testimonial as to birth and standing in favour of a scion of the Dalhousie family seeking service under Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden.

6. Jean, married first to Master James Nicholson, Minister of Meigle; and secondly to Master John Lindsay, brother of James Lindsay of Fowhill (No. 140).

89

RETOUR OF GEORGE RAMSAY of Banff to his father in a third part of Drumflogne: 1st October 1580. (Latin) *Parchment.*

RETOUR of the service of George Ramsay as heir to the deceased George R. of Banff, his father, in the third part of the lands of Drumflognes with their pertinents, in the barony of the Craig, in the shire of Forfar, held of the Laird of Dunipace in blench-farm, and valued at 20*s.* yearly 'in time of peace', and now 40*s.*; which lands have been in the superior's hands for three months and twenty days, George Ramsay having died in June. Dated at Forfar, 1st October 1580. Gilbert Gray, Sheriff depute of Forfar, held the court; and the names of the jury are Robert Durahame of Grenge, James Erskeine, portioner of Ochterforfar, David Nairn of Tillifergus, David Dempster, fiar of Pitforky, John Ramsay, apparent of Jordanstoun, James Ramsay of Arbeky, William Halden of Kelour, William Andersoun, portioner of Achranie, Alexander Foullertoun of Crago, Alexander Currour in Achleish, Laurence Haliburtoun in Mawis, John Balbirny of Innerichtie, and John Fullertoun, apparent of Kynnaber. James Bonar, notary public and clerk of the court, gives this extract.

(Five seals attached.)

[1] Records of Royal College of Physicians, communicated by the Secretary, W. Fleming, Esq.

90

RETOUR of the same in the barony of Bamff and lands of Easter Mawes: 19th October 1580. (Latin) *Parchment.*

RETOUR of the service of George Ramsay of Bamff as heir to the deceased George R. of Bamff, his father, in the barony of Bamff, with pertinents, in the shire of Perth, and the lands of Eistir Mawis, with pertinents, in the said shire; both held of the King for service of ward and relief; the barony of Bamff being worth now £60 yearly, but £15 by the valuation of the time of the peace; and Easter Mawis now being worth £10 yearly, 50*s*. of the time of the peace; in the hands of the King for four months since the death of his father. Dated at Perth, 19th October 1580. John Peblis, burgess of Perth, Sheriff-depute of William, Lord Ruthven, Sheriff principal of Perth, holds the court, and the members of assise are Laurence Mersar of Mekilhour, George Haliburton of Petcur, knight, Alexander Blair of Balthyock, John Fergussoun of Dertulych, William Ramsay of Murie, Andrew Mersar, apparent of Mekilhour, William Chalmer of Drumlochie, James Scrimgeour of Myris, John Narne of Mukarsie, David Narne of Tullyfargus, David Ramsay of Jurdanstoun, Alexander Blair of Brustoun, John Blair of Melginche, Laurence Haliburtoun of Mawis, and Henry Broun of Pawnishill.

(No seals.)

91

PRECEPT FOR INFEFTING GEORGE RAMSAY of Banff in these lands: 9th November 1580. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

PRECEPT by William, Lord Ruthven, Sheriff of Perth, directed to Alexander Ross and Walter Borthuik, mairs, to infeft George Ramsay of Bamff as heir to his father in the barony of Bamff and lands of Easter Mawis, in terms of a precept from Chancery to that effect directed to the said Sheriff, dated at Edinburgh,

7th November 1580. This precept is dated at Perth, 9th November 1580, and there is a jotting at the foot that Sasine was given on 10th December (*sic*) 1580 by Alexander Ross, at the mansion of Bamff about noon and on the ground of the lands at 2 p.m. in presence of Laurence Haliburtoun of Mawes, etc.

92

SASINE OF GEORGE RAMSAY of Banff in these lands: 10th November 1580. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 10th November 1580, reciting that Alexander Ross, one of the mairs foresaid, in terms of the precept above described gave sasine to George Ramsay of Banff of the barony of Banff and lands of Easter Mawes; done at the principal messuage of Bamff about noon, and on the ground of Easter Mawis at 2 p.m. in presence of Laurence Halyburton of Mawis, David Ogilvy in Cruquhy, Andrew Creichtoun, son of the deceased James C. of Craig, Master Thomas Ramsay, brother german of the said George, and Philip Fallow in Foyell. Thomas Gaw, clerk of the diocese of St. Andrews, is notary.

93

CHARTER TO JOHN ARTHUR in Morganstoun of a fourth part (runrig) of Middle Mawes: 20th March 1580–1. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Patrick Gray, son and apparent heir of Patrick, Master of Gray, to John Arthour in Morgounstoun, in implement of a Contract between them of this date, of a fourth part of the lands of Middle Mawis, by way of runrig: To be held of the grantor for yearly payment of 40*s.* of feufarm, with duplicand at entry of heirs, and giving three suits of court. Precept is

directed to John . . . to give sasine. Dated at . . . 20th March 1580; witnesses, George Robertson . . . Broun and . . .

(Two seals.) The parchment is mutilated.

94

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT in favour of George Ramsay of Bamff as heir to his father in the third part of Drumflogne: 18th October 1581. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by John Lewingstone of Donipace, directed to Master Thomas Ramsay to infeft George Ramsay of Banff as heir to his deceased father George R. in the third part of the lands of Drumflogneis, with pertinents, in the barony of the Craig and shire of Forfar, held of the grantor in chief for payment of 1*d.* blenchfarm. Dated at Inglismaldie, 18th October 1581; witnesses, Master Thomas Ramsay, Commissary of Brechin, David Ramsay, minister at Mygle (Meigle), Master Andrew Elder and John Ramsay, notaries. [Signed] "Jhoun Lewyngston of Dwnepas."

(No seal.)

95

SASINE OF GEORGE RAMSAY of Bamff in the said lands: 1st November 1581. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 1st November 1581, given to the said George Ramsay of Banff in the third part of Drumflognies, conform to the said precept. Done on the ground of the lands about 1 p.m. in presence of Andrew Ratray, brother german of David R. of Craighall, George Moreis in Hiltoun of Bamff, Patrick Lowny in Little Bamff, Robert Thomsoun and Alexander Pyper in Kinkeidlie, and Alexander Auchinlek, servitor to the said George Ramsay. John Ramsay, clerk of St. Andrews diocese, is notary.

96

Sasine of John Scrymgeour of Glasswell in the lands of Ardormy: 28th May 1582. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 28th May 1582, of John Scrimgeour of Glaswell, on a precept by William, Earl of Gowrie, Sheriff of Perth, directed to Alexander Ros, Mair of the said shire, to infeft him as heir to the deceased James S. of Glaswell, his father, in the lands of Ardormie, with pertinents, within the barony of Bamff, in terms of a Crown precept dated at Edinburgh, 28th March 1582 (taking security for £12 as the relief). The Earl's precept is dated at Perth, 27th May 1582. Done on the ground of the lands about 3 p.m. in presence of Thomas Sinclair of Findrat, Robert Gibsoun, Thomas Scrimgeour, servitors to the said John Scrimgeour of Glaswell, John Spalding in Ardormie, William Robertsone and Abraham Piget, notaries.

97

Tack by Robert [Crichton], Bishop of Dunkeld, to George Ramsay of Bamff, of the teinds of Bamff, Auchteralyth, and Watersheal: 6th and 23rd November 1584.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

Robert, Bishop of Dunkeld, with consent of his dean and chapter, sets in tack to George Ramsay of Bamff, and his nearest heir succeeding, and the heirs of the latter, during their respective lives, and to the heirs and assignees of the second heir, for 19 years, the teind sheaves of the lands and barony of Bamff, with tenandries and pertinents, the town and lands of Auchtiralyth, and the town and lands of Watterscheill in the Forest of Alyth, presently possessed by the said George and his tenants, lying in the parish of Alyth and diocese of Dunkeld, including this present crop

1584, for payment yearly of £20 for the barony of Bamff, £4 13*s*. 4*d*. for Auchteralyth, and 20*s*. for Watterscheill, at the terms of Lammas and Candlemas. Dated at Edinburgh and Dunkeld, 6th and 23rd November 1584; witnesses, Alexander Crichtoun of Nachtane, James Balfour his servant, Abraham Crichtoun in Ballindoch, Captain David Crichtoun, and John Sandemane, messenger. (Signed) "Ro^{t} Dunkeld; M. Jo. Bartane, dene off Dunkeld; M. David Spens, archden; James Grahayme, prebender of Alyth; Maister Thomas Robertsone, persone of Monydie; Master John Lyndesay, person of Menmuir; M. David Makgill of Fongarth; James Ruthven, chauntour; Master Andro Abircrombie, subchantor; M. William Edmonstoun, chancellar; Master William Ysaac, thesaurar; Master James Lauder, prebendar off Fardischaw; Jacobus Steuard, prebendarius de Inchm^{c}granoch. Alex^{r}. Crichtoun of Nauchtane, vitness."

(Bishop's seal, entire, and particle of the chapter seal.)

98

TACK by the same to the same: 20th November and 16th December 1584. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

ROBERT [CRICHTON], Bishop of Dunkeld, with consent of the cathedral kirk, sets in tack to George Ramsay of Banff, for 19 years, the foresaid teind-sheaves of Banff, Auchteralyth and Watershiell, for yearly payment of 28 merks 6*s*. 8*d*. Dated at Edinburgh and Dunkeld, 20th November and 16th December 1584; witnesses, Alexander Crychtoun of Nauchtan, Abraham Crychtoun, Captain David Creychtoun, and William Balfour. The Bishop and members of the chapter sign as before.

(Bishop's seal and chapter seal, in fair preservation.)

99

TACK by same to same : same date. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

ROBERT [CRICHTON], Bishop of Dunkeld, with consent foresaid, grants to George Ramsay of Banff, &c. (as in No. 98) a tack of the teinds foresaid for yearly payment of 28 merks 6*s.* 8*d.* Dated, attested and signed as No. 98.

(Fragment of the Bishop's seal.)

100

TACK by same to same : same date. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

ROBERT [CRICHTON], Bishop of Dunkeld, grants to George Ramsay of Banff, for 19 years, a tack of the foresaid teinds, for payment of the sums contained in No. 98. Dated, attested, and signed as No. 98.

(Bishop's seal almost entire ; fragment of chapter seal.)

101

TACK BY THE BISHOP OF DUNKELD to David Cumming in Ardormy of the teinds of a quarter of Ardormy : 20th November and 16th December 1584. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

ROBERT [CRICHTON], Bishop of Dunkeld, with consent of his chapter, sets in tack to David Cuming in Ardormye, and Isobel Cow, his spouse, for their lifetimes, and thereafter to the said David's heir, and then for 19 years to the latter's heirs and assignees, the teind sheaves of that quarter of the town and lands of Ardormye occupied by him and his spouse, lying in the parish of Alytht and sheriffdom of Perth ; paying yearly 35*s.* 4*d.* and relieving the grantors of their part of the " bigging and uphalding of the third of the said paroche kirk of Alycht ".

Dated at Edinburgh and Dunkeld, 20th November and 16th December 1584; witnesses, Alexander Creichtoun of Nauchtan, Abraham Crychtoun, Captain David Creychtoun, and William Balfour.

(Bishop's seal entire, chapter seal broken.)

102

PRECEPT FOR INFEFTING JOHN THOMSON in a third part of the Mains of Creuchies: 19th December 1584.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT from Chancery for infefting John Thomsoun and the heirs male of his body, whom failing, his heirs male and assignees, in the third part of the Mains of Cruquheis, now occupied by him, in terms of a charter thereof to him by Patrick, Bishop of Moray, and Commendator of Scone, which charter the King has now confirmed, but holding the lands now of David, Earl of Crawford, as superior. Dated at Holyrood House, 19th December 1584.

103

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT, BY THE EARL OF CRAWFORD, in favour of William Thomson, as heir to his father in third part of Mains of Creuchies: 14th June 1585. (Latin) *Parchment.*

DAVID, Earl of Crawford, directs John Irland of Parkheid to infeft William Thomesoun as heir to John Thomson his father, deceased, in the third part of the Mains of Creucheis, in the lordship and regality of Gowry, sheriffdom of Perth. Dated at Innerqueyche, 14th June 1585; witnesses, James Durance in Ardeste, Gilbert Auchtirlony, Finlay Yettis and John Jak *alias* Gawyne, the Earl's servitors. [Signed] "David, Erle of Craufurd."

(No seal.)

104

Sasine following upon the said precept: 23rd June 1585.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 23rd June 1585, given by John Ireland of Parkheid, as bailie, to William Thomson in Mains of Cruquhy of the third part of the Mains of Cruquhy, in terms of the foregoing precept. Done on the ground of the lands about 11 a.m. in presence of Laurence Haliburtoun of Mawis, Patrick Morgoun in Mawis, James Rettray there, David Thomesoun in Mains of Cruquhy, and Ronald Moncur in Tullifargus. Alexander Robertson, of St. Andrews diocese, is notary.

105

Discharge of Reversion by John Ramsay upon subjects in Dundee, in favour of his brother Thomas, M.A.: 15th November 1585. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

John Ramsay, lawful son of the deceased George R. of Bamff, entered into a contract, dated at Perth, 28th August 1584, with his brother german, Master Thomas Ramsay, in accordance wherewith the said Master Thomas was on 3rd October following infeft in the said John's tenement of land, with yard and pertinents, on the south side of the Flukargate of Dundee, between the land of the Constable of Dundee on the west, the land of Robert Rollok on the east, the seaflood on the south and the said road on the north, reserving his life-rent, and under reversion to him or heirs of his body for a rose noble of gold; and now for certain sums paid by the said Master Thomas the said John Ramsay discharges and renounces the said right of reversion, and ratifies the foresaid disposition of the property, to be held irredeemably by the said Master Thomas, but still reserving the grantor's

life-rent. Dated at Alyth, 15th November 1585; witnesses, Alexander Forster, younger, in Alyth, Philip Flaw(?) in Foyall, and James Sanders, notary. [Signed] "Jhone Ramsay v^{t} my hand; Jacobus Sanders, notarius publicus admissus testis in premissis requisitus; Alex^{r} Froster, witnes, w^{t} my hand; Villiame Spalding, vittnes, v^{t} my hand."

(Fragment of seal, defaced.)

106

SASINE OF BESSIE MERCER, wife of George Ramsay of Bamff, in parts of Auchteralyth: 2nd July 1586.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 2nd July 1586, of Bessie Masser (Mercer), wife of George Ramsaye of Banf, on a life-rent charter by the said George Ramsay (confirmed by David, Earl of Crawford) to her of the wester third part of the town and lands of Auchteralyth, of old belonging to the family of Banf, and lying in the barony of Alyth; also of the middle third part of the foresaid town and lands of Alyth (*sic*) sometime pertaining to David Ogilvye. The charter, with confirmation, is dated at Banff, 14th and 15th January 1585; witnesses, Thomas Strathachin, brother german of Alexander S. of Brigtoun, Alexander Auchinlek, John Halyburton, servitors in Banf. John Cargyll gives sasine, as bailie, to Alexander Auchinlek as attorney for the said Bessie, on the ground of the respective lands about 9 a.m.; witnesses, John Halyburtoun in Banf, John Chayne in Auchteralyth, and Thomas Smyth in Byrnocht. William Schewan, of St. Andrews diocese, is notary.

107

(Copy) Reversion by George Ramsay of Bamff to David, Earl of Crawford, upon the sunny third of Auchteralyth: 4th and 8th October 1586. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Letter of Reversion by George Ramsay of Banff and Elizabeth Mercer his spouse, reciting that David, Earl of Crawford, baron of Alyth, has granted a charter to them of the sunny third part of the town and lands of Auchteralyth, but in terms of a contract between the Earl and them, dated at Karnie, 4th October 1586, they oblige themselves to renounce possession on payment of 900 merks with a 13 years' tack after redemption for 10 merks yearly duty. Dated at Karnie and Banff, 4th and 8th October 1586; witnesses (at Karnie), David Lyndsay of Kynnetlis, William Fullertoun of Ardo, Alexander Ogilwy, Master Silvester Rettray, and Patrick Mowse, notary public; "and at Auchteralyth" witnesses are John and Master Samuel Ramsay, brothers german to the said George, John Ramsay, servitor to the said Earl, James Sanderis and Donald Cargill, notaries. The said notaries attest the fidelity of the copy.

108

Confirmation by King James VI to William Herries (Harris) of the third part of Weltoun of Creuchies: 12th May 1587. (Latin) *Parchment.*

King James VI confirms to William Hereis, son and heir of the deceased Alexander H., a charter granted by the Commendator and convent of Scone to the said Alexander Hereis of the third part of the lands of Weltoun of Cruquhyis, dated 26th August 1559, paying 35*s.* 10*d.* of rent yearly and 7*s.* 1½*d.* of grassum

every five years, also 8*s*. 11*d*. of augmentation and 2*s*. of pittance silver (other services conform to Nos. 55, 56). This confirmation is dated at Holyroodhouse, 12th May 1587.

109

CONFIRMATION BY KING JAMES VI of Charter to Ranald Brown of a third part of the Mains of Cruquhy : 12th May 1587.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

KING JAMES VI confirms to the heirs and assignees of the deceased Ranald Brown, younger, and to the heirs and assignees of the deceased George Ramsay of Banff, to whom the lands following were assigned and disponed, a charter by the Commendator and convent of Scone to the said Ranald Brown in Mains of Cruquhy (for £53 9*s*. 3*d*.) of a third part of the Mains of Crewquhies occupied by him, for payment of 33*s*. 8*d*. yearly, 6*s*. 8*d*. of grassum every five years, 8*s*. 4*d*. of augmentation, and 2*s*. of pittance silver. The charter is dated at Scone, 26th August 1559 ; witnesses, Master John Dowglas, vicar of Galstoun, John Bunche, Patrick Blinseill, Alexander Chrystie, Thomas Birnet, and Sir Walter Ramsay, notary public. The confirmation is dated at Holyroodhouse, 12th May 1587.

110

CONFIRMATION BY KING JAMES VI of Charter to Thomas Ogilvie of a third part of Weltoun of Cruquhy : 12th May 1587.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

KING JAMES VI confirms to Thomas Ogilvie, grantee, and to John Ogilvie of Brigsyde, Eupham Williamsoun his spouse, and Archibald Ogilvie their second son, to whom the said Thomas disponed the subjects, a charter by the Commendator and convent of Scone to the said Thomas (No. 59 *supra*) of the third part

of the Weltoun of Cruquheis for sums similar to those recited above (No. 108). The charter was dated and attested as above. The confirmation is dated at Holyroodhouse, 12th May 1587.

111

CONFIRMATION BY KING JAMES VI of Charter to David Rattray of the Muirton of Cruquhy: 12th May 1587.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

KING JAMES VI confirms to John Rattray, son and heir of the deceased David Rattray in Muirton of Creuquhy, a charter by the Commendator and convent of Scone to the said David (for £128 6*s*. 3*d*.) of the lands of Muirtoun of Cruquheis for payment of £4 of rent yearly, 16*s*. of grassum every five years, 20*s*. of augmentation and 5*s*. of pittance silver, with other services as formerly narrated. The charter was dated at Scone 26th August 1559 and attested as formerly. This confirmation is dated at Holyroodhouse, 12th May 1587.

112

CHARTER BY MASTER SAMUEL RAMSAY to Alexander R., third son of Geo. R. of Banff, of a part of the lands of Crottie: 20th September 1590. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Master Samuel Ramsay, lawful son of the deceased George R. of Bamff, for many services rendered to him by his brother George R., now of Bamff, granting to a worthy youth, Alexander R., third son of the said George, and his heirs and assignees, the west third part of the west or shadow half of the lands and manor-place of Crottie, with pertinents, in the regality of Dunfermling and shire of Perth, under reversion to the grantor and the heirs of his body for the sum of 6*s*. 8*d*.; the said George, as tutor and administrator to the said Alexander his son, who

is minor, giving a letter of reversion for this effect. The lands are not to be redeemed, however, without consent of John Ramsay of Jordanstone, David Ramsay, minister at Elet, David Dempster of Pethill, Master Thomas Ramsay, schoolmaster at Dundee, or the major part of them. The grantor reserves his life-rent. The lands are to be held of the grantor and his heirs, or of the said George Ramsay of Banff, his superior, for yearly payment to either of them of 4*d.* Scots at Whitsunday, if asked, in name of blenchfarm. John Reid in Kirktoun of Rattray is directed to give sasine; and the charter is dated at Dundee, 20th September 1590; witnesses, Andrew Haliburtoun in Blair, David Ramsay, minister, John Cargill, domestic servitor of the said George, David Blak and John Litster, writers, and Robert Wederburn, notary. [Signed] "Mr. Samuell Ramsay w^{t} my hand."

113

CHARTER BY HENRY RAMSAY of the Laws to John Ramsay there and his wife of the half of Laws and half of Baldovie: 10th September 1591. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Henry Ramsay of Lawis, with consent of David and Walter Ramsay, burgesses of Dundee, his friends to whom he is interdicted, selling and disponing to John Ramsay in Lawis, lawful son of the deceased Henry R. of Ardowny, and Arbuthnot, wife of the said John, and their heirs, his sunny half of the lands of Lawis, and his shadow half of the lands of Baldowie, with all pertinents, lying in the regality of Kyremure and sheriffdom of Forfar, and that for a sum of money and other good deeds. To be held of the grantor for yearly payment of in name of feufarm. Andrew Norie is directed to give sasine. The charter is dated at Lawes, 10th September 1591; witnesses, George Ramsay of Banff, John Ramsay of Jardanstoun, Robert Ramsay, brother german of Michael R. of

North Terray (Nevay ?), Charles Michelsoun, minister of Arbirlot, and David Alexander in Wmochie. [Signed] "Henry Ramsay of Lawis w^{t} my hand; Walter Ramsay w^{t} my hand; David Ramsay, minister, w^{t} my hand; George Ramsay off Bamff, vitnes; Jhone Ramsay of Jurdanstoun, wittnes; Chairlis Michelsoun, minister of Arberlot, witness; Jhone Ramsay w^{t} my hand, witnes."

[On the back] "Ane schertowre (charter) to be haldeine of the Lard of Lawis in fewe."

114

RESIGNATION OF THE LANDS OF BAMFF and west part of Ardormy in favour of George Ramsay of Bamff and his heirs: 15th May 1595. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

AT Holyroodhouse, 15th May 1595, in the King's presence, compeared Sir Thomas Stewart of Garntulle (Grandtully) on behalf of George Ramsay of Banff and John Scrimgeour of Glaswall, and in name of the said George Ramsay resigned in the King's hands the lands and barony of Banff "particularlie efter mentionat, wiz. the Manes of Banff, tour, fortales, maner place, ortcheardes, Hiltoun of Banff, Litill Banff, Newtoun of Banff, corne milne of Foyell, Miltoun and millandes thairof, with the multoures sequelles and pertinentis, mekle Foyel, Peddry, Kinkedlie, Eister Mawes, Hiltoun of Mawes", with pertinents, lying in the parishes of Elyth and Blair, barony of Banff by annexation, and shire of Perth; and on behalf of the said John Scrimgeour resigned in the King's hands his "vast (west) pairt of the landis of Ardormie occupeit be David Cuming, Johne Arschonder, Lourence and Willeam Reidis, and thair cottares, as the samyn lyis merchit and mithit (meted) fra that pairt of the saides landes of Ardormie callit the Schallvallis last be Edward How and now be Johne Kow and his cottares occupeit, be the merchis particularlie efter

specifeit, wiz. Begining at the south at the north syd of the burne quhilk devydis the landes of Balquhome and Ardomie at the futes (fute) of the north bank, and fra the said burne ascendand north as ane auld dyk lyis quhilk devydes Ardormie and Schelvalis, and fra the north end of the said dyk ower ane stryp of watter, and thairefter passand northe ane reisk (grassy) bak (balk) linalie to the waster dyk of the eistmest corne fald of the saides landis of Ardomie occupeit as said is, quhilk fald is now junit to the saides landis of Schalvallis for the fourt rig and fyft fute quhilk the possessores of the forsadis landes of Schalvallis occupeit of the boundes and ground liand one the eist pairt and syd of the hill of Ardomie one the west syd of that burne callit Corfodlie, and fra the north end of the last said fald dyk linalie to the forsaid burne of Corfodlie as ane dyk salbe biggit, and swa passand north keipand the said burn of Corfodlie as the samen rinis, to the heid thairof, and fra the heid of the samen linalie vast to ane gray stane callit the Manstein, quhilk stone salbe carnit (cairned) about with stones, and fra the said Manstone northe wast to the Pundlairs graiff (grave) liand in ane grein rod (road), and fra the said Pundlairs graiff ascendand north over the hill of Badduff to the heid of ane litill rinnand stryp of watter at the fut of the said hill be wast ane gryt gray stone callit the Gray Meir ston of Badduff, and discendand northe wast as the said strype and rinner of watter rinis to the Dokkand wall, swa that all the boundes of the foirnamet landes of Ardomie liand bewast the saides merches perteines to the said wast pairt of Ardomie, and the heall boundes and landes that lyes be eist the forsaides merches ar of the saides landes of Ardomie callit Schelvallis liand within the barroni and schireffdome forsaid." This resignation was made in favour of the said George Ramsay his heirs male and assignees, irredeemably, to be held of the King as freely as the said John Scrimgeour held the same before. Witnesses were, Sir James Colvill of Eister Weymes, James Anstredder apparent of that ilk, knights, John

Levingstoun apparent of Donypace, Sir Thomas Erskyne of Gogar, knight, John Stewart of Rosland, and John Ramsay, commissary of Brechin. Attested by John Ramsay, notary.

115

Crown Charter to George Ramsay of Bamff of the lands and barony of Bamff (including Easter Mawes, etc.): 17th May 1595. (Latin) *Parchment.*

King James VI grants and confirms to George Ramsay of Banff and his heirs the lands contained in the foregoing Resignation, bounded as above described; and also ratifies and confirms to him all charters and other deeds granted by David, now Earl of Crawford, the deceased David, Earl of Crawford, his father, the deceased David Ogilvy, portioner of Auchterelyth, the deceased John Ogilvy his son, and the deceased James Creichtoun of Easter Craig, or their predecessors, to the said George Ramsay now of Banff, and Elizabeth Merser his spouse, or the deceased George Ramsay of Banff, his father, of and concerning the towns and lands of Auchterelicht, Watterscheill and Craigheid, with pertinents, in the barony of Elicht. Moreover for good and faithful service the King grants of new to the said George Ramsay of Banff and his lawful nearest heirs male bearing the arms and name of Ramsay, and their assignees, the foresaid lands and barony of Banff, comprehending the towns and lands of Banff, Littill Banff, Hiltoun of Banff, Mains of Banff, Kinkedley, Petdrey, Foyell, mill and milltoun thereof, Newtoun of Banff, lands of Ardormy foresaid and west part thereof bounded as above mentioned; which lands and barony of Banff comprehending as aforesaid, and lands of Ardormy bounded as above lying adjacent to the lands of Banff, are bounded as follows. "Begynnand at the eist at the north end of the west dyke of the eistmest cornefauld of the landis of Ardormy presentlie possest be David Cum-

myng, Laurence Reid, William Reid and John Alexander, quhilk fauld is now joynit to the said pairt of the landis of Ardormy callit Schelwallis and passand south as the dykeis gangis to the end thairof, and thairfra passand south be ane risk (grassy) balk and over ane strype of water lineallie to the north end of ane auld dyke quhilk devydis Ardormy fra Schelwallis, and thairfra south as the said dyke passis to the burne quhilk devyddis Ardormy fra Balquhem at the fute of the bank callit the north bank, and thairfra passand west the said burne keipand the samyn and auld watter gang thairof to the south end of ane uther burne quhilk rynnis betuix the proper landis of Ardormy and Litill Banff at the eist merche of Litill Banff, and thairfra passand south to ane blindwallheid quhilk lyis foranent the south end of the said burne, and fra the said blindwall passand south to ane gryt gray stane at the heid of the said north bank, and thairfra south to ane furde callit Kairt furde or kow furde in ane laich (swamp) quhilk lyis betuix the saidis landis of Newtoun of Banff and Balquhem, and passand fra the said furde southwest to ane gryt cairne of staneis callit the Cairne *alias* the Cairle of Balquhem, and fra the said cairne passand south west to ane uther cairne of stanes callit the Reid Corse (Cross), and thairfra passand west to ane well callit Sundayis wall (*sic*), and fra the said wall passand wast to ane litill peice hauch callit Dalrannis hauch *alias* callit the Wodderhauch quhilk lyis uponn the eist syde of the burne of Queich, and fra the said hauch enterand in the said burne of Queich and thairfra passand northwart keipand the said burne and awld wattergang thairof quhill the samyn burne cum to the awld dykes of the landis of Craigheid, and fra the saidis auld dykes passand eist ane how or slaik callit the Firneslak to ane puill (pool) callit the Kilravers puill, and fra the said puill eist to ane wall callit the Dokane wall, quhilk Dokane wall is ane merche betuix the forrest of Elicht, the landis and baronie of Craigis, and the saidis landis and barony of Banff, and fra the said Dokane wall passand eist be rynner or

strype of watter keipand the auld wattergang thairof to ane gryt gray stane callit the gray meiris stane of Balduf lyand at the north fute of the hill of Balduf, and fra the said gray stane passand south over the hill of Balduf to the Pundlaris graiff lyand in ane grene rod, and thairfra southeist to ane stane callit the Mannis stane quhilk stane is cairnit about with stanes, and thairfra south to the heid of the burne of Corfodlie, and thairfra south as the said burne of Corfodlie rynnis and discendis keipand the burne and auld wattergang thairof quhill it cum foiranent the north end of the foirsaid west dyk of the eistmest cornefauld of the saidis landis of Ardormy quhair thair merches began." Also the King of new grants and confirms to the said George Ramsay the lands of Eister Mawis and town and lands of Hiltoun of Mawis (which are part of the lands of Easter Mawes), bounded as follows: "Begynnand at the north wast at thrie gryt stanes in the Mure of Mawis standing in ane grene braid gait, and thairfra discending down and eist to ane wall callit Gartanis wall, and fra the said wall north eist as ane strand and rinner of watter that flowis furth of the said wall discendis and rynnis keipand the auld wattergang of the said rinner quhill it cum to the watter of Ericht, and passand south the said watter of Ericht as the samyn rynnis south to the south pairt of ane litill wode or schaw callit the Reidheuch quhilk growis uponn the proper landis of Eister Mawis, and fra the said south part of the said litill wod or schaw (quhilk haill schaw perteins in propertie to the said George Ramsay now of Banf) ascendand up and west be ane how (hollow) to the marcat gait that passis to the kirk of Blair in Gowrie, and fra the said marcat gait passand south west be ane how to ane auld wattergang callit the Loch dam, and fra the said Loch dam north ascendand up ane bray callit the Koutcheris bank to ane wall (well) in the heid of the said bank, and fra the said wall north west to the south end of ane balk quhilk devydis the saidis landis of Eister Mawis fra the landis of Nethir Aird, and swa passand north be the said

balk as the samyn lyis ascendand up to the heid of the said balk, and fra the heid of the said balk north west to ane uther grene balk lyand alswa betuix the saidis landis of Eister Mawis and Aird, and sa keipand the said balk as the samyn lyis northward to the end thairof, and thairfra northward to the eistmest dyke of the landis of Over Aird, and fra the said dyke of Over Aird north as ane grene gait lyis quhill the samyn cum to the foirnamit thrie standand stanes quhair the saidis merches tuik thair begynning." All these subjects are erected and incorporated into the barony of Banff, to be held of the Crown in fee and heritage, with all rights and privileges used and wont, for service of ward and relief, viz. £80 yearly for the ward when it shall happen, and £80 for relief, and 500 merks as the avail of the heir's marriage. The charter is dated at Holyroodhouse, 17th May 1595.

116

Copy of the above Charter. *Paper.*

Copy (with many corrections) of the above charter to George Ramsay of Bamff; extending to 34 pages. At the end is written the following:

" W. McNicol.

" The march crossed a latch to the eastward of the town of the Newton at the foot of the road leading to Balwhime, from thence south by the Blackknows of Balquhime leading to the big Craberry mire south by the west end of the Carlehill to the well at Greengairs, from that straight south to the east end of the Ghaists How leading west towards the Mylestane road, then north by the Fumarts Craig leading from that down the Currystrand to the Whiteknow in the south mire. To the eastward of the march of Balquhime was called the Hill of Balquhime, to the westward the Hill of Newton, and beyond the Curreystrand the Hill of Whiteside. Never saw any person attempting to

pasture upon Hill of Newton, but they might have done so, as it is formed in such way towards the top as might have concealed them from view."

117

PRECEPT OF SASINE following upon the foregoing Crown Charter : same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Sasine, directed to Patrick Gray in Mawis, to give infeftment to George Ramsay of Banff in the subjects recited in the foregoing Crown Charter. Dated at Holyroodhouse, 17th May 1595.

(Part of the quarter seal attached.)

118

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT in favour of John Thomson in third part of the Mains of Creuchies : 10th October 1595.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by James Weyms of Bogy, Master John Moncreif of Eister Moncreif, Alexander Ruthven of Frieland, and George Auchinlek of Balmanno, commissioners for John, Earl of Gowrie, Lord Ruthven and Dirleton, during his absence from the country, in favour of John Thomsone as heir male to his grandfather, the deceased John Thomesone, feuar of the third part of the Mains of Cruquheis, in the earldom of Gowrie, in the foresaid third part, formerly held of the monastery of Scone and now of the said Earl. Oliver Rettray of Little Tillemordoch is to give sasine ; and the deed, written by James Bowar, writer in Edinburgh, is dated at Ruthven, 10th October 1595 ; witnesses, Andrew Hendersone, George Craigingelt and Alexander Thomsone, servitors to the Earl, Gilbert Robertsone, writer in Perth, and the said James Bowar. The commissioners subscribe.

119

RENUNCIATION BY JOHN OGILVIE in Balloch and his wife, to their son Archibald, of their life-rent right to the third of Welton of Creuchies: 4th March 1595. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

RENUNCIATION by John Ogilwyie in the Balloch, with consent of Eupham Williamsoun his spouse, reciting a disposition by the deceased Thomas Ogilwie, portioner of the Weltoun of Crewchye, and Elizabeth Crokat his spouse, to them in life-rent and their son Archibald in fee of the sunny third part of the lands of Waltoun of Crewchy, holding blench of the said Thomas, and of the Commendator and convent of Scone for feu maill and other service, which disposition is dated at Boquhaine 8th June 1587, registered in the Books of Council 29th June 1588; their life-rent right to which subjects they now, for love and favour to their said son and for his better advancement, renounce and resign to the said Archibald and his heirs, he relieving them of all duties and burdens respecting the same in time coming. The lands were redeemable for £400 by the heirs of the said deceased Thomas, but if redeemed, all profits go to the said Archibald. Dated at Wester Craig, 4th March 1595; witnesses, John Ogilwie of the Craigis, James Jamesoun, John Fraser (?), " serwandis to the said John ", James Sanderis and Ronnald Broun, notaries, James Ogilwie in Bogsyd. [Signed] " Jhone Ogylwy in Bailloik w^{t} my hand; Jhone Ogilvy of Craigis, vitness "; and James Sanders, notary, signs for the said Eupham Williamsone.

120

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT in favour of Richard Thomson as heir to his brother in the third part of Mains of Creuchies: 1st May 1596. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by the commissioners of John, Earl of Gowrie, in favour of Richard Thomesone, brother german of the deceased John Thomesone, portioner of the Mains of Crucheis, who was grandson of the deceased John Thomesone, feuar of the third part thereof, as nearest heir male to his said brother in the said third part, George Turnbull in Kirktoun of Rettray is to give sasine. The deed is written by James Bowar, servitor to Master John Moncrieff of Easter Moncrieff, and dated at Perth, 1st May 1596; witnesses, Murdoch McKenzie, son of Roderick Mackenzie of Ardastellie, and the said James Bowar. The commissioners sign.

121

SASINE OF RICHARD THOMSON in the third part of the Mains of Creuchies: 29th May 1596. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 29th May 1596, of the said Richard Thomesone in the said third part of the Mains of Creuquhie, in terms of the foregoing precept. George Turnbull gives sasine on the ground of the lands about 3 p.m. in presence of John Cargill in Haltoun of Crewquhy, James Mestertoun in the Mains thereof, David Thomesone there and David Wichtane there. Donald Cargill, clerk of the diocese of St. Andrews, is notary.

122

DISCHARGE BY PATRICK BLAIR of Ardblair to George Ramsay of Bamff for victual (i. e. marriage allowance): 27th June 1596. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

IN terms of contract dated at Banff, Dundee and Ardblair, 1st and 14th October 1590, between George Ramsay of Bamff and Isobel Ramsay his daughter on the one part, and the deceased Andrew Blair of Ardblair, Margaret Butter his spouse, and Patrick Blair now of Ardblair, their son, on the other part, the said George Ramsay and the said deceased Andrew Blair obliged themselves between them to deliver to the said Patrick and the said Isobel now his spouse 50 bolls of oats, half infield and half outfield oats, with 16 bolls of bear, 12 drawing oxen, and 2 horses worth £40, before any term of Michaelmas at which they should be required to give them, and also to furnish and pay between them "tua pluchmenis boll the first yeir that I and my said spous hapnit to plenische ane part and portioun of the landis of Ardblair in Myrsyde." The said Patrick has now received from the said George Ramsay of Banff 25 bolls oats, 8 bolls bere, 6 drawing oxen, a horse worth £20, and "sevin bollis aittis as for the ane of the said pleuchmennis boll", and hereby discharges the same to him. Dated at Kirktoun of Rettray, 27th June 1596; witnesses, Patrick Gray in Mawis, John Irland of Parkheid, Archibald Alschendor in Lytil Bamff, John Malcomtoisch *alias* McKewin, portioner of Eister Balmacrewquhy, Donald Cargill, notary, and James Forrester, his servant, who writes the deed. [Signed] "Patrik Blar of Ardblar", and by the witnesses.

123

DISCHARGE BY MASTER JAMES RATTRAY to George Ramsay of Bamff for an annual rent or rent-charge of 50 marks : 13th May 1598. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

MASTER JAMES RETTRAY, lawful son of the deceased David Rettray of Craighall, recites that George Ramsay of Bamff has by his precept of Clare Constat freely infeft him as nearest lawful heir to the deceased Jean Rattray, his sister german, in an annual rent of 50 merks disponed by the said George Ramsay to her and upliftable from the lands and barony of Bamff, under reversion, i. e. redeemable for 500 merks. He therefore undertakes to warrant and keep scathless the said George Ramsay of the said annual rent for all bygone terms till this date, and of the principal sum when he shall receive the same, specially as against the other "brethir" and "brethir bearnis" of the said Jean; and he acknowledges receipt of and grants discharge for the Whitsunday and Martinmas 1598 and Whitsunday 1599 terms' payment of the said annual rent. The deed is written by James Forrester, servitor to Donald Cargill, notary, and dated at Kirktown of Rattray, 13th May 1598; witnesses, Silvester Rattray of Craighall, Gilbert Ramsay, son and apparent heir to the said George Ramsay of Banff, Laurence Nairne of Tulliefargus, Andrew Halyburtoun in Blair, Archibald Alschendor in Litill Bamff, the said James Forrester, and Donald Cargill, notary. [Signed] "M. J. Ratray"; and by the witnesses.

124

Sasine of John Reid in Kirktown of Rattray of the town and lands of Haltoun or Hatton of Creuchies : 1st June 1598.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 1st June 1598, of John Reid in Kirktoun of Rettray, on a charter of sale by George Ramsay of Bamff, John Baxter of Haltoun of Creuquhy, and Alexander Baxter his son and apparent heir, with consent of Isobel Ogilwy, wife of the said Alexander, to him and his heirs and assignees irredeemably, of the town and lands of Haltoun of Creuquhy, with pertinents, in the lordship and regality of Scone. The charter was dated at Bamff, 1st June 1598; witnesses, Patrick Blair of Ardblair, Gilbert and David Ramsay, sons of George R. of Banff, John Merser in Kinloch, James Forrester, William Rettray, and Donald Cargill, notaries. Patrick Gray in Mawis gives sasine as bailie, on the ground of the lands about 6 p.m.; witnesses, Patrick Blair of Ardblair, Gilbert and David Ramsay foresaid, Laurence Nairne of Tullifargus, John Cargill in Petdray, and James Forrester. Notaries are Donald Cargill and William Rettray.

125

(Extract) Discharge by George Ramsay of Bamff to John Reid in Kirktown of Rattray for the price of the lands of Haltoun (Hatton) of Creuchies. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Discharge by George Ramsay of Banff to John Reid in Kirktown of Rattray for 1,100 merks in complete payment of the price of the lands of Haltoun of Creuquhy, sold for £2,100 in terms of the charter mentioned in the foregoing sasine. The deed is written by James Forrester, and dated at Kirktown of Rattray, 9th November 1598; witnesses, Gilbert and David Ramsay,

sons of the said George, Patrick Gray in Mawis, Archibald Alschendour in Litil Bamf, James Forrester and Donald Cargill, notary. The discharge was registered at Dunkeld, 6th November 1599, in the Commissary Register, and this copy is extracted by Thomas Crychtoun, clerk of the said court.

126

TACK OR LEASE TO GEORGE RAMSAY of Banff of the teinds of Banff: *circa* 1599. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

TACK by James Grahame, prebendary and vicar principal of the parish kirk of Alycht (Alyth), with consent of the dean and canons of the Chapter of the cathedral kirk of Dunkeld, to George Ramsay of Banff (for grassum or fine), and to his heir for life, and to the heirs and assignees of the latter for 19 years, of the vicarage teinds of the barony of Banff, in the parish of Alyth, from Beltane *alias* Rude (Rood) day, 3rd May last "in this instant yeir of God j^{m} v^{c} ", for payment yearly at Pasch of £3 Scots. Dated "at the kyrk of the Mannis"; witnesses, Walter Grahayme of Balgrow (Balgowan), John Cargill, David Cumming, Thomas Scot, and others. [Signed] "James Grahayme, prebender of Alyth, w^{t} my hand; Walter Grahame, witness."
(With defaced seal.)

127

CHARTER TO GILBERT RAMSAY, son and heir of George R. of Banff, and Isabel Ogilvy, his future spouse, of the lands of Easter Mawes, etc.: 4th November 1600. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by George Ramsay of Bamff, for implement of a contract of marriage between James Ogilvy, the elder of Cloway (Clova), and Isobella his lawful daughter, with James Ogilvy, the younger, fiar of Clova, his son and apparent heir, John

Striwiling of Brakie, Patrick Ogilvy in Drummie, and John Ogilwy of Coilzeine, as cautioners, on the one part, and the said George Ramsay, and Gilbert Ramsay his son and apparent heir, with Laurence Merser of Mekillour, James Crychtoun of Ruthwen, Patrick Blair of Ardblair, and John Ramsay of Jurdanstoun, as cautioners, on the other part, dated at Alyth and Mylntoun of Rettray, 4th and 26th October 1600, granting and disponing to the said Gilbert Ramsay, and Isobel Ogilvy his future spouse, and the survivor, and their heirs male, whom failing, the heirs male of the said Gilbert, and their assignees, irredeemably, his lands of Eister Mawis and Hiltoun of Mawis, with pertinents, in the parish of Blairgowrie, and barony of Bamff by annexation; also his town and lands of Ardormie, with pertinents, in the parish of Alyth, reserving the life-rent thereof to Marjory Crychttoun, widow of James Scrymgeour of Glaswall. The lands are to be held of the grantor from the Crown as superior, for payment of the duties hitherto current. Precept is directed to George Spalding in Milnhaugh of Alyth to give sasine. The charter, written by George Moresone, writer in Kirktoun of Rattray, is dated at Bamff, 4th November 1600; witnesses, David and Alexander Ramsay, sons of said George Ramsay, Walter Cargill in Reidlakie, John Diksone, tailor (*sartor*) in Foyell, and Donald Cargill, notary. [Signed] "George Ramsay off Bamff; David Ramsay, witnes; Alexander Ramsay, vitnes; Donaldus Cargill, notarius testisque in premissis."

128

SASINE OF GILBERT RAMSAY AND ISOBEL OGILVY in the lands of Easter Mawes, etc.: 4th November 1600. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 4th November 1600, given to David Ramsay, lawful son of George Ramsay of Banff, as attorney for Gilbert Ramsay, son and apparent heir of the said George, and Isobel Ogilvy his future spouse, in the whole foresaid subjects,

in terms of the foregoing Charter. Sasine was taken from the hands of George Spalding between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in presence of David Ramsay in Alyth, George Broune there, John Cargill in Balquhowe, and William Richie in Easter Mawes. Donald Cargill is notary.

129

DUPLICATE of the above Sasine. (Latin) *Parchment.*

130

CHARTER (AND SASINE) TO WILLIAM SANDERS in Welton of Blair, and his wife, of the third part of Mains of Creuchies: 15th January 1601. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Richard Thomsone, brother german and heir of the deceased John Thomsone, portioner of Mains of Crewquhyis, with consent of Margaret Andersone, his spouse, to William Sanderis in Weltoun of Blair and Elspet Souter his wife, selling to them (in terms of contract between them dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 14th October 1600) and their heirs irredeemably, his third part of the town and lands of the Mains of Creuquhyis, with pertinents, formerly occupied by the deceased John Thomsone, his grandfather, and now by him and Thomas Donaldsone and their cottars: Holding of the grantor for yearly payment to him of 1*d.* blench, and to the superiors of the just duties and services contained in the original infeftments. In terms of which charter the grantor also gave sasine to the said William Sanderis and his wife. The deed is written by George Moresone, writer in Kirktoun of Rattray, and dated at Mains of Creuquhyis, 15th January 1601; witnesses, James Sanderis, portioner of Weltoun of Blair, Walter Ramsay there, John Cow in Scheilwallis (Shealwalls),

Thomas Hill in Mains of Creuquhyis, John Finlasone in Kirktoun of Rattray, William Rattray and Donald Cargill, notaries. The said notaries attest the subscriptions of the grantor and his wife, who cannot write.

131

Another Charter to the same, with holding of the superiors. Same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Charter by same to same, of the above subjects, holding of the grantor's superiors for payment of 50*s.* 6*d.* at two terms yearly, with two bolls of oats within the monastery of Scone, with three suits of court, attendance in war, duplicand, etc. as use is. Sasine given and charter dated and attested as above.

132

Sasine of William Sanders and his wife in terms of the said Charter : 15th January 1601. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 15th January 1601, of the foresaid William Sanders and his spouse in the lands of Mains of Creuquhy, in terms of foregoing charter. Donald Cargill is notary, and presents the same for registration in the Secretary's Register for the shire of Perth, on 6th February 1601.

133

Crown Precept for infefting John Reid in Kirkton of Rattray in the lands of Hatton of Creuchies : 10th August 1601. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Precept from Chancery, directed to the Steward of Huntingtower and his deputes, and to Laurence Nairne of Tullifergus, to infeft John Reid in Kirktoun of Rattray in the town and lands of Haltoun of Crewquhy, formerly in the regality of Scone, now in

the stewartry of Huntingtower, in terms of a Crown Charter thereof to him and his heirs and assignees. The precept is dated at Falkland, 10th August 1601.

(Part of seal attached.)

134

Sasine following thereupon : 16th March 1603.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 16th March 1603, of the said John Reid, in terms of above precept. Laurence Nairne gave infeftment on the ground of the said lands, about 11 a.m., in presence of John Hereis in Lyntomes, John Schippert in Haltoune of Creuquhye, David Cur, son of Ronald Cur there, and Donald Cargill, notary.

Registered at Perth, 26th March 1603, in the Secretary's Register.

135

Charter to David Ogilvy in Welton of Creuchies and his wife, in life-rent, and John Ogilvy in fee, in third part of Welton of Creuchies : 9th and 11th July 1608. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Charter by Alexander Ogilvy, son and heir of the deceased Thomas O., portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhie, with consent of Elizabeth Croket his mother, whereby for fulfilment of an obligation dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 9th July inst., in favour of David Ogilvy in Weltoun of Crewquhy, Jean Jamesone his spouse, and John Ogilvy, lawful son of James O. in Wester Boigsyde, and for the sum of 1,300 merks which they had paid to him, he sells and dispones to the said David Ogilvy and his spouse in life-rent, and to the said John Ogilvy and the heirs of his body, whom failing, to the said James Ogilvy his father and his heirs and assignees, irredeemably, his third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewquhie, with pertinents, as possessed by the said

deceased Thomas and now by himself; holding of the grantor for 1*d.* blench. Precept is directed to David Broun, portioner of Mains of Crewquhie, to give sasine. The charter is written by John Cargill, notary, and dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 9th and 11th July 1608; witnesses, Alexander Crichtoun at Mill of Craig, John Rattray of Muirtone of Crewquhie, Walter Miller, writer in Kirkton of Rattray, John Blair, notary there, Patrick Ramsay there, and George Turnbuill there. The grantor and his mother sign by the aid of Donald and John Cargill, notaries; and John Blair, notary, and Walter Miller, also sign.

136

Duplicate of above Charter, holding of the superior: same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Charter by same to same, of the said subjects, holding of the superior for payment to him of 51*s.* 10½*d.* and two bolls of oats, and 2*s.* 4*d.* of pittance silver to the convent of Scone, with suits of court, etc., as aforesaid. Dated and attested as above.

137

Sasine following thereupon: 21st July 1608.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 21st July 1608, given by David Broun, portioner of Mains of Crewquhie, to the said David Ogilvy and his spouse and to Walter Miller, writer in Kirktoun of Rattray, as attorney for the said John Ogilvy, in the said lands in terms of the foregoing charter. Done on the ground of the lands, about 7 p.m.; witnesses, Thomas Wichtand, portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhie, Alexander Hereis there, and [ ] Hill in Mains of Crewquhie. Donald Cargill is notary.

Registered at Perth, 1st August 1608, in the Secretary's Register.

138

RENUNCIATION BY JOHN OGILVY in Wester Drummie to Alexander Ogilvy, of the third part of Welton of Crewchies: 9th and 30th July 1608. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

RENUNCIATION by John Ogilvy, sometime of Boigsyd (Bogside), now in Wester Drummis, and Archibald Ogilvy his son, for £400, in favour of Alexander Ogilvy, son and heir of the deceased Thomas Ogilvy, portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhie, of the third part of the lands of Weltoun of Crewquhie, which the said deceased Thomas Ogilvy, with consent of Elizabeth Croket his wife, wadset to the said John Ogilvy and the deceased Eupham Williamsone his spouse in life-rent, and to the said Archibald in fee, in terms of contract dated at Balquhyme, 8th June 1587, registered in the Books of Council 29th July 1588, redeemable for the above sum. The Renunciation is dated at Kirktoun of Rattray and New Craig 9th and 30th July 1608; witnesses, John Rattray of Muirtoun of Crewquhie, William Hereis, portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhie, James Crichtoun in Litill Kilrie, Walter Miller, writer in Kirktoun of Rattray, Donald Cargill and John Cargill, notaries.

Registered at Perth, 1st August 1608, in the Secretary's Register.

139

CONTRACT between Gilbert Ramsay, apparent of Bamff, and Marjory Blair or Richie, for a wadset to her of a third part of Easter Mawes, with teinds: 1st and 31st December 1608. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Bamff and Eister Mawis, 1st and 31st December 1608, between Gilbert Ramsay, apparent of Bamff, and Isobel Ogilvy his spouse, on the one part, and Marjory Blair,

widow of William Richie in Eister Mawis, and John Richie her lawful son, on the other part, whereby for 500 merks now paid to him by the said Marjory and John the said Gilbert with consent foresaid undertakes to infeft the said Marjory in life-rent and her son heritably in the third part of the town and lands of Eister Mawis, "with the thrid pairt of the wod of the said (*sic*) Middill[1] Mawis and thrid pairt of the wodland thairof," with pertinents, as presently occupied by the said Marjory and John, to be held in feu of the said Gilbert for yearly payment to him of 40 merks "and tuelff pultrie cok and hen". He also sets in tack to her the teinds of the said third part for a year, she entering thereto "at the thrid day of May callit the Ruid (Rood)[2] day in the yeir of God j^{m} vj^{c} and nyne yeiris", and so from year to year during non-redemption of the above subjects, for payment to the persons having best right thereto of the sum of 19*s.* 2*d.* for the teind-sheaves and 15*s.* for the vicarage teinds. She is to grant a letter of reversion in his favour, containing a year's tack after redemption thereof to be reserved to her, paying therefor to the said Gilbert and his heirs 50 merks, 7 bolls of victual, two parts oatmeal, third part bere, and 12 poultry "cok and hen", and the teind duty aforesaid. She also undertakes to send all her grindable corn growing on the said third part to the mill of Mawis, "and the said Gilbert obleisses him and his foirsaidis to purches and obteine libertie and tollerance to the saidis Marjorie, Johnne hir sone, and his foirsaidis, to cast, vin and leid peittis and turvis in and furthe of the muris and myris of Mawis yeirlie during the spaice foirsaid, utherwayes it salbe lesum to the saidis Marjorie, Johnne hir sone, and his foirsaidis, to carie and grind thair haill cornis at ony uther mylne that thai sal think expedient, but (without) impediment." The price of redemption may be requisitioned by the said Marjory and John at any time after the lapse of three years from this date, and failing payment thereof when demanded

[1] Appears later as *Eister*.

[2] Invention of the Cross.

the said Gilbert and his heirs shall be liable in a penalty of 100 merks. Each party is bound to fulfil this contract, under penalty of £40. The deed is written by Walter Donald[son], writer in Kirktoun of Rettray, and witnesses are, George [Ramsay, brother] german to the said Gilbert, David Ramsay, servitor to George Ramsay of Bamff, George Fentoune, mason ? . . . Patrick Blair of Ardblair, Patrick Blair his servitor, and John Arthour in Middle M. . . .

(The deed is incomplete.)

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(Extract) Registered Contract of Marriage between Master John Lindsay and Jean Ramsay, dau. of George R. of Bamff: 14th and 22nd July 1609. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Registration at Edinburgh, 10th February 1612, of contract dated at Dundee and Cupar-Fife, 14th and 22nd July 1609, between Master John Lindsay, brother german of James Lindsay of Dowhill, with John, Lord Lindsay, Robert, Master of Lindsay, John Ramsay of Quhythill, and William Schaw of Lawthangye, his cautioners, on the one part, and Jean Ramsay, widow of Master James Nicolsoun, minister at Megill, with consent of George Ramsay of Banff, her father, on the other part, for the marriage of the said Master John Lindsay and Jean Ramsay; in consideration whereof he and his cautioners undertake "to wair and bestow upoun suir (sure, safe) lands and annuelrents be the advyse of Laurence Mercer of Adye (Aldie), Patrik Blair of Ardblair, Master David Lindsay, minister of Dundee, or thair airis, or ony twa of thame being of perfyt aige, speciall freindis to the sade Jene, the sowme of ten thowsand merks money of Scotland, and to infeft or cause be infeft thairintill dewlie and sufficientlie the said Jene Ramsay with the said Master Johne, the langer levar of thame twa, in conjunct fie and the airis laufullie to be

gottin betuix thame, quhilkis failyeing the said Master Johne his airis and assignis quhatsumever heritable, and thairanent to mak or caus be maid to the saidis Jene and Master Johne and thair foirsaids all writtis and evidentis necessar for thair securitie thairof extendit, with all clausses of warrandice and utheris clausses neidfull, and how oft the said sowme of ten thowsand merks beis upliftit be redemptioun or uther wayis, als oft to wair and bestow the same of new agane be advyse foirsaid to the effect abovementionat, and siclyk to warrand the yeirlie rent of the saids lands and annuelrent, quherupoun the said sowme salbe wairit (invested), to be worthe yeirlie to the said Jene during hir lyftyme ten chalderis guid and sufficient victuall, quherof thrid part beir and twa part aitmeill, or to be worthe the sowme of ane thowsand merks money foirsaid yeirlie during the said space; quhilk provisioun aboue writtin salbe in contentatioun of all terce that the said Jene may clame be the lawis of this realme of quhatsumewer landis or annuelrent pertening to the said Master John in fie the tyme of his deceise." If the issue of the marriage be more than one child, the said Master John and his foresaids are to make forthcoming, after the decease of the said Master John and his spouse, the sum of 6,000 merks of the foresaid sum of 10,000 merks to the eldest male child, the rest to be divided equally among the other children. If there is only a female, she is to have 4,000 merks. If there be no surviving issue, and Master John predecease his wife, the latter is to have payment of 4,000 merks (after Whitsunday 1616), whereupon she is to renounce in favour of the said Master John's heirs and assignees the profit and yearly rent of the lands and others whereon the said 4,000 merks are secured. If she die before her husband, the 4,000 merks are to be paid (after the above term) to her heirs, executors, or legatees. John Dinmuir, servitor to Master Alexander Wedderburne, common clerk of Dundee, writes the deed; witnesses, the said Master Alexander Wedderburne, James

Williamsoun, burgess of Coupar, the said Master John Dinmuir, Master Patrick Lindsay, burgess of Coupar, James Oliphant and Master William Kilgour, servitors to the said Lord Lindsay.

141

CHARTER TO JAMES SANDERS AND MARJORY FYFFE, his future spouse, of the third part of Mains of Creuchies: 19th July 1609. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Richard Thomsone in Pairkheid, with consent of William Sanderis in Weltoun of Blair, his tenant, and Elspeth Souter his wife, whereby for implement of a contract of marriage between them and James Sanderis, son and heir apparent of the said William and Elspeth, on the one part, and Alexander Blair in Litill Fairdill, Janet Bisset his wife, Marjory Fyff, daughter procreated between the said Janet and the deceased James Fyff her late husband, John Strathauchin in Kirktoun of Lethindie, and George Bisset in Aird, on the other part, of this date, he grants and dispones to the said James Sanderis and Marjory Fyff his future spouse in conjunct fee and their heirs, whom failing, the heirs and assignees of the said James, irredeemably, the third part of the town and lands of Mains of Creuquhyes, formerly occupied by the deceased John Thomson, grandfather of the said Richard, and now by him and the said William and Thomas Donaldson. To be held from the said Richard of the superiors for yearly payment to the latter of 50*s*. 6*d*. and two bolls of oats at the monastery of Scone, with the suits of court, duplicand, military service, etc. as in former deeds. Thomas Donald in Mains of Creuquhyes is directed to give sasine. John Blair, notary, writes the charter, which is dated at Weltoun of Blair-in-gowrie, 19th July 1609; witnesses, James Sanderis in the said Weltoun, John Sanderis, his brother, there, William

Logie and Alexander Rattray, weavers there, and George Robertsone in Kirktoun of Rattray. John Blair and John Cargill, notaries, sign for the grantor and consenters.

142

TACK OF TEINDS of Easter Mawes and Hilton of Mawes to Gilbert Ramsay, apparent of Bamff: 20th September 1610.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

DAVID, LORD SCONE, having right to the teinds of all churches and parishes formerly belonging to the abbacy of Scone, and now erected into a temporal lordship, grants to Gilbert Ramsay, apparent of Bamf (for grassum paid), a tack of the teinds of the lands of Eister Mawis and Hiltoun of Mawis, with pertinents, in the parish of Blairingourie, diocese of St. Andrews and sheriffdom of Perth, for nineteen years from Lammas 1610, for payment of and certain composition for the victual duties formerly payable, the whole tack duty amounting to £30 yearly at Pasch "togidder with ane propyn[1] yeirlie according to the quantitie of the saidis landis in the [awin] seasone of the yeir according to the said [Gilbert Ramsay] and his foirsaids awin discretioun allanerlie". Written by Alexander Merschell, notary, servitor to Stephen Patersone, Steward Clerk of Fife, and dated at Scone, 20th September 1610; witnesses (not inserted). [Signed] "D. Scone"; and a witness whose name cannot be deciphered.

143

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT for infefting John Brown in a third part of Mains of Creuchies; 9th October 1610.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by David, Lord Scone, directed to John Ramsay in Foyell to infeft John Browne, lawful son of the deceased Brown, eldest brother german of the deceased

[1] Old French, *propine, pourboire,* drink money; Italian, *propina.*

Ronald Browne, younger, as heir to his uncle the said Ronald, in the third part of the Mains of Cruchyes, possessed by the said Ronald, in the lordship of Scone. The precept is written by Alexander Merschell, and dated at Scone, 9th October 1610; witnesses, Mungo Murray of Drumcarne, knight, Master John Strauchen, minister at Cambusmichell, Stephen Paterson and Alexander Merschell. [Signed] "D. Scone", and by the witnesses.

144

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT for infefting William Harris in third part of Welton of Creuchies: 23rd October 1610.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by David, Lord Scone, in favour of William Heres, as heir to the deceased Alexander Heres his father, in a third part of the lands of Weltoun of Cruchyis, with pertinents, in the lordship of Scone. Written by the said Alexander Merschell; it is dated at Scone, 23rd October 1610; witnesses, Walter Dog, notary, and William Schaw, servitors to the grantor, and Stephen Paterson and the said Alexander Marshell. [Signed] "D. Scone", and by the witnesses.

145

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT for infefting Alexander Ogilvy in third part of Welton of Creuchies: 23rd October 1610.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by David, Lord Scone, directed to Thomas Wichtane, portioner of Weltoun of Crewchie, to infeft Alexander Ogilvy, as heir to the deceased Thomas O., his father, in the third part of the lands of Waltoun of Cruchyis, with pertinents. Written, dated, and attested as the last.

146

SASINE OF JOHN BROWN in a third part of Mains of Creuchies: 30th October 1610.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 30th October 1610, given to Thomas Irland in Foyell, as attorney for John Brown beforementioned, of the third part of the Mains of Crewquhyis, in terms of the foregoing precept. John Ramsay in Foyell gives infeftment on the lands about 12 noon, in presence of George Ramsay, lawful son of George R. of Banff, Thomas Maistertoun in Foyell, Thomas Hill in Mains of Crewquhy, and George Symmie in Kirktoun of Rattray. John Cargill (eldest son of Donald Cargill, notary in Kirktoun of Rattray) is notary.

147

TACK BY DAVID, LORD SCONE, to David Ogilvy of the teinds of his third part of Welton of Creuchies: 8th November 1610.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

DAVID, LORD SCONE, grants to David Ogilvy, portioner of Weltoun of Cruchies (for grassum), a tack of the teind sheaves of his third part lands of the Weltoun of Cruquhies, with pertinents, for 19 years from Lammas 1610, for payment of 30*s.* with 20*s.* of composition for each boll of 1 boll 2 firlots oats as the old victual duty, and £9 5*s.* 3*d.* in augmentation of rental, extending in all to £12 5*s.* 3*d.* payable at Pasch, "togidder with ane propyne[1] yeirlie according to the quantitie of the saidis landis in the awin season of the yeir according to the said David and his foirsaidis discretioun allanerlie." Written by Alexander Merschell, and dated at Perth, 8th November 1610; witnesses, Mungo Murray of Drumcairne, knight, Alexander Mershell and Stephen Paterson. [Signed] "D. Scone", and by the witnesses.

[1] See above, p. 163 note.

148

CONFIRMATION BY DAVID, LORD SCONE, of the Charter No. 141 *supra*: 9th November 1610. (Latin) *Parchment.*

DAVID, LORD SCONE, confirms in favour of James Sanderis and Marjory Fiffe his wife the charter (No. 141 *supra*) granted by Richard Thomson to them of the third part of Mains of Creuquhy. This confirmation, written by Alexander Merschell, notary, servitor to Stephen Patersone of Kincraigie, Steward Clerk of Fife, is dated at Perth, 9th November 1610; witnesses, Mungo Murray of Drumcairne, knight, the said Stephen Paterson and Alexander Merschell. [Signed] "D. Scone"; and by the witnesses.

149

MUTUAL NOMINATION OF EXECUTORS by George, Thomas, and Master Alexander Ramsay, sons of George R. of Bamff, in favour of each other: 12th June 1611. *Paper.*

"I, GEORGE RAMSAY, laufull sone to George Ramsay of Bamff, considdering that I am ane mortall man subject to death and alteratioun, uncertane of the tyme thairoff, and being maist willing that the guidis geir dettis soumes of money and utheris quhatsumevir that sal happin to appertene to me the tyme of my deceis, sall, efter my deceis foirsaid, remane and abyde with my neirest aires and successouris, to be applyit be thame to thair awin profite and commoditie, thairfoir, and for certane uther guid causes and considerationis moveing me, I be the tennor heiroff, failyeing of laufull aires to be gottin of my awin bodie, or dispositioun of my saidis guidis to be maid in my urgent necessitie befoir my deceis, allanerlie (only), nominatis and ordanis Thomas Ramsay, my immediate elder germane brother, and the airis lauchfullie to be gottin of his bodie, quhilkis failyeing, Master Alexander Ramsay, doctor of medicine, immediate elder germane brother to the said

Thomas, his airis and assignis quhatsumevir, my onelie executouris testamentaris and universall intromettouris with my saidis guidis geir dettis and utheris that sall appertene to me the tyme of my deceis ; lykas I the said Thomas Ramsay, uponn the occasiounis foirsaidis, incais of failyie of my awin laufull airis or dispositioun maid in my awin tyme in manner abouewrittin, be the tennor heiroff nominatis and constitutis the said Master Alexander Ramsay, and the airis laufulie to be gottin of his bodie, quhilkis failyeing, the said George Ramsay my brother, his airis and assignis quhatsoevir, my onlie executouris testamentaris and universall intromettouris with all and syndrie guidis geir dettis soumes of money and utheris quhatsumevir perteneing to me the tyme of my deceis; and siclyk I the said Master Alexander, uponn the considerationis aboue specifeit, incais their be na airis laufulie procreate of my awin bodie, or dispositioun maid be me in my awin tyme as said is, be thir presentis nominatis the saidis Thomas and George Ramsayis and their airis foirsaidis equallie, and failyeing of airis of ane of thame the airis and assignis of the uther quhatsumevir, my onlie executouris testamentaris and universall intromittouris with my guidis and geir quhatsumevir that sall appertene to me the tyme of my deceis quhen it salhappin : Geivand power be thir presentis ilkane of us the saidis Master Alexander, Thomas and George Ramsayis to oure saidis executouris respective and successive abouedevydit, efter the deceis of us or ather of us, to give up inventar of our saidis guidis, for confirmatioun to be haid thairupone, and to use the said office of executrie als largelie in all respectis as any executouris testamentaris may doe be the lawis of this realme. And forder, incais their beis na laufull airis begottin of oure awin bodies, or na dispositioun maid be us in oure awin tymes to oure urgent and necessare honest effaires, we the saidis Master Alexander, Thomas and George Ramsayis, germane brother foirsaidis, be thir presentis declairis that all and quhatsumevir landis tenementis annualrentis and possessiounis to be

acquired heirefter or apperteneing to us or ather of us in heritage the tyme of oure deceisses, sall, thairefter fall and succeid to oure saidis airis of taillie and provisioun respective and successive abouespecifeit, in manner contenit in the nominatioun abouewrittin, but any uther provisioun or alteratioun of successioun to be maid be us or any of us, at any tyme heirefter, renunciand be thir presentis expreslie all remeid of law that may be proponit in the contrair; and heirto we bind and obleiss us to utheris ilkane for oure awin pairtis of the premisses in the maist strait and suire forme that can be devysit, and are content and consentis that thir presentis be insert and registrat in the buikis of oure soverane Lordis Consall and Sessioun, and that publicatioun heiroff and letters of inhibitioun gif neid beis be raisit heirupon, and forder to ressave all executioun neidfull, and the horning to pas upon ane simple chairge of sax dayis onelie, and to that effect constitutis . . . conjunctlie and severallie oure procuratouris *in uberiori constitutionis forma, promitten. de rata.* In witnes quheroff we have subscrivit thir presentis, writtin be Master John Dunmuir, notar, at Dundie the tuelff day of Junii the yeir of God j^{m} sax hundreth and allevin yeiris, befoir thir witnesses, the said George Ramsay of Bamff, Master David Lindsay, minister off Dundie, Patrik Lindsay, burges thairoff, the said Master John Dunmuir. [Signed] M. A. Ramsay, Med.Dot.; Thomas Ramsay; Georg Ramsay; Joan. Dunmwir, witnes; David Lindesay, witnes; Patrik Lyndissay, witnes."

150

CHARTER TO GILBERT RAMSAY, younger, of Bamff, of the lands of Watersheill and Craigheid: 23rd June 1612.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by David, Earl of Craufurd, whereby for fulfilment of a contract between him and Gilbert Ramsay younger of Bamff of this date he grants, sells and dispones to the said Gilbert and his

heirs male and assignees whomsoever, irredeemably, the town and lands of Watterscheill with the pendicle called Craigheid, and pertinents, in the Forest (*nemore*) of Alyth, barony (thereof), and sheriffdom of Perth: Holding blench from the grantor for 1*d.* Scots. Precept is directed to Laurence Nairne of Tullifargus to give sasine. The charter is written by James Ramsay, notary in Edinburgh, and dated at Edinburgh Castle, 23rd June 1612; witnesses, the said Laurence Nairn, James Bennet, the Earl's servitor, the said James Ramsay, and George Ramsay, servant to the said Gilbert Ramsay. Signed by the Earl and witnesses.

151

(Extract) Registered Disposition by David, Earl of Crawford, to Gilbert Ramsay, younger, of Bamff, of the lands of Wattersheill and pendicle thereof: 23rd June 1612.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

Registration at Edinburgh, 14th January 1617, of Disposition by David, Earl of Crawford, to Gilbert Ramsay, younger, of Bamff, irredeemably, of the town and lands of Westerscheill (*sic, l.* Wattersheill) and pendicle thereof called Craigheid, " lyand within the forrest of Alyth, baronie thairof ", and shire of Perth; also of the right of reversion for 1,200 merks (and a tack for sixteen years after redemption for 8 merks yearly) of a wadset of the said lands granted by the Earl's father to George Ramsay, elder, of Bamff. This disposition is dated at Edinburgh Castle, 23rd June 1612, being written by James Ramsay, notary in Edinburgh; witnesses as in No. 150 *supra.* The Earl acts with consent of Sir Harry Lindsay of Carraldstone and Sir John Lindsay (of the Bath) his son, who subscribe the same day in presence of James Beatoun of Westerhall, David Lindsay, fiar of Kinnettills, and George Lindsay, son of the said Sir Harry.

152

Sasine of Alexander Ogilvy in a third part of Welton of Creuchies: 3rd August 1612.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 3rd August 1612, given to Thomas Turvis in Weltoun of Crewquhy as attorney for Alexander Ogilvie, son of Thomas O., portioner there, of the third part of the lands of Weltoun of Crewquhyis, in terms of Precept (No. 145 *supra*) by David, Lord Scone, in his favour. Thomas Wichtand, portioner there, gives infeftment on the ground of the lands about 6 p.m. in presence of David Ogilvy, portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhy, James Ogilvy, his brother german, there, Alexander Lownie there, and James Andersone there. John Cargill is notary.

153

Precept of Clare Constat for infefting John Reid in the lands of Hatton of Creuchies: 6th December 1613.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Precept of Clare Constat by David, Lord Scone, for infefting John Reid, as heir to the deceased John Reid of Haltoun of Cruchy, his father, in the town and lands of Haltoun of Cruchy, with pertinents, in the lordship of Scone. The deed, written by Alexander Mershell, notary, is dated at Scone, 6th December 1613; witnesses, Stephen Paterson of Myris, John Blair, notary in Kirktoun of Rattray, and the said Alexander Merschell. Signed by Lord Scone and the witnesses.

(Fragment of seal.)

154

CONFIRMATION BY DAVID, LORD SCONE, of Charter No. 135 *supra*: 7th December 1613. (Latin) *Parchment.*

DAVID, LORD SCONE, ratifies and confirms the Charter of Alexander Ogilvy to the deceased David Ogilvy in Weltoun of Creuquhy and Jean Jamsone (Jameson), his spouse, and John Ogilvy, son of James O. in Wester Bogsyid, of a third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Creuquhy, dated 9th and 11th July 1608 (No. 135 *supra*), and that in favour of the heirs and successors of the said (now deceased) John Ogilvy. Dated at Scone, 7th December 1613; witnesses, Stephen Paterson of Myris, Alexander Mershell, notary, Peter Fairhar, notary in Craigm^c^kerane, and Mungo Moray, the grantor's servitor. Signed by the grantor and witnesses (except the last).

(Part of seal attached.)

155

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT for infefting Janet Ogilvie in a third part of Welton of Creuchies: 7th December 1613.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by David, Lord Scone, for infefting Janet Ogilvy, as heir to her father the deceased John Ogilvy, son of James O. in Wester Bogsyid, in the third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewquhie, with pertinents, formerly occupied by Thomas Ogilvy. The precept is written by Alexander Merschell notary, and dated at Scone, 7th December 1613; witnesses, Stephen Patersone of Myris, the said Alexander Mershell, Peter Fairhar, notary in Craigm^c^kerane, and Mungo Moray, the grantor's servitor. Signed as above.

(No seal.)

156

(Extract) Registered Disposition to Henry Ramsay of Ardownie of the teinds of Ardownie : 17th December 1613.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

Registration at Edinburgh, 17th December 1613, of Disposition by James, Marquis of Hamilton, Earl of Arran, etc., to Henry Ramsay of Ardownie, for 1,800 merks, and to his heirs irredeemably, the teind sheaves of the lands of Ardownie, with pertinents, in the parish of Monyfuith, and sheriffdom of Forfar, holding of the grantor blensh for 10*s*. yearly and of the Crown blensh for 20*s*. yearly ; the grantee relieving the said Marquis and his heirs of the fifteenth part of all taxations that may be imposed upon the teinds of the said kirk of Monyfuith. Daniel Melvile, servitor to Adam Lawte, writer in Edinburgh, writes the deed, which is dated at Edinburgh 17th December 1613 ; witnesses, Sir John Hamilton of Lettrick, knight, Master John Hamilton, lawful son of Thomas H. of Preistfield, Master David Peirson, son of Thomas P. of Lochlands, David Hamilton, servitor to Lord Binnie, and Alexander Pearson of Wardmilne.

157

Sasine of John Reid in the lands of Hatton of Creuchies : 31st January 1614. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 31st January 1614, of John Reid, lawful son and heir of the deceased John Reid of Haltoun of Crewquhy, on a precept of Clare Constat by David, Lord Scone, directed to John Cargill, lawful son and apparent heir of Donald Cargill, vicar of Rettray, to infeft the said John Reid as heir to his said father in the town and lands of Haltoun of Crewquhy, with pertinents. The precept was dated at Scone, 6th December 1613, witnesses being Stephen Patersone of Myris, John Blair, notary in Kirktoun

of Rettray, and Alexander Merschell, notary. Infeftment was taken on the lands about 10 a.m. in presence of William Donaldsone *alias* Hauche in Bonitoun of Rettray, David Baxter, younger, in Haltoun, David Souter, lawful son of John S. there, Alexander Hereis, portioner of Weltoun of Creuquhy, and Walter , servitor to the notary, John Blair.

158

(Copy) Testament of Master Andrew Myrtoun, or Morton, Minister at Lundie: confirmed 23rd December 1614.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

Testament dative and Inventory of the goods and money pertaining to Master Andrew Myrtoun, minister at Lundie, at the time of his death in December 1613, given up by Margaret Blakhall, his widow, for herself and on behalf of Jean, Bessie, and Andrew Myrtoun, their children, minors, decerned executors dative to their said father on 3rd May 1614. He had at his death eight old oxen, worth £68, a cow and calf worth £12, a young cow worth £10, an old mare worth £8, two staigs (colts) worth £12, and in the barn and yard 26 bolls of oats and 30 bolls of bere, worth £7 the boll, amounting to £382 (*sic*). Also "utinceillis and domeceillis (household goods) estimat to xx lib. (*sic*)."

Sum of Inventory . . . . . 522 li.

There was due to him by Thomas Lindsey, merchant burgess of Dundie, and Alexander Synner, merchant burgess there, his cautioner, by their bond to him £66 13*s.* 4*d.* with £20 of expenses; by the heirs and executors of James Blak, elder, portioner of Kirktoun of Liff, and James Blak, younger, his son, by their bond £45 of principal and £13 6*s.* 8*d.* of expenses; by Marjory Ogilve in Wester Keith, by bond £40; by Anthony Chrystie in Lathdyot, by bond £33 6*s.* 8*d.*, four oxen being disponed to the defunct for payment; by Gilbert Blak in Husbandtoun of Foullis

and Thomas Gray, brother german to James Gray there (?), conform to their bond £66 13*s* 4*d*. with £13 6*s*. 8*d*. of expenses; by Andrew Abircrumbie in Dundee, as principal, and the heirs and executors of David Abircrumbie of Gourdies and James A., burgess of Dundee, his cautioners, by bond £200 of principal and £66 13*s*. 4*d*. of expenses; by Andrew Heatlie in Balfour of Abernytie, Margaret Pouire (?) his spouse, and Ronald Heatlie their son, by bond £33 6*s*. 8*d*. with £6 13*s*. 4*d*. of expenses; by Patrick Olyphant of Little Kennie and William Hay, merchant burgess of Dundie, his cautioner, by bond £133 6*s*. 8*d*. of principal and xl lib. (*sic*) of expenses; by George Campbell, and Thomas Bell in Kirktoun of Lundie, his cautioner, by bond £33 6*s*. 8*d*. with £6 13*s*. 4*d*. of expenses; by Thomas Gowrlaw, skinner in Foulls, and David Hey in Little Craslie, as principals, and William Smyth in Nether Smystoun, their cautioner, £66 13*s*. 4*d*. of principal and £33 6*s*. 8*d*. of expenses; by Robert Henrisone in Liff, £20; by James Jamesone [in] Pandrich, £20; by Andrew, Lord Gray, "as rest of his steipand", £104; by Andrew Lessells in Argath, £100; by the tenants and occupiers of the lands of Clatto, as part of his stipend for crops 1612 and 1613, two bolls of wheat at £10 the boll, *inde* £40, two bolls of bear at £7, *inde* £28, and a chalder of oats at £5 the boll, being £160; by the tenants and occupiers of Ballow, the said crops, four bolls of wheat at £10, *inde* £80; by the tenants and occupiers of Fordell, said crops, 8 bolls of bear at £7, *inde* £112; by the tenants of Raldernie, a boll of bear at £7, *inde* £14; by the tenants of Brodland of Lewchars, 2 bolls of bear at £7, *inde* £28; by the tenants of Radernie, five bolls two firlots bear at £7, *inde* £77; by the tenants of Grigstoun a boll of bear at £7, *inde* £14; by the tenants of Nether Rinagask, 4 bolls of oats at £5, *inde* £40; by the tenants of Riges "with Landitquheill landis", 3 bolls meal at £5, *inde* £30; by the tenants of Letham 4 bolls of meal at £5, *inde* £40; by the tenants of Clatto, 9 bolls

of meal at £5, *inde* £90; by the tenants of the Kingeskettill, "conform to the Lord of Scon his pensioun", 8 bolls of meal at £5, *inde* £80.

Sum of the debts	£2,018 6*s*. 8*d*.
and with the effects . . .	£2,540 6*s*. 8*d*.[1]

To be divided in three parts.

The testament is confirmed 23rd December 1614, Robert Gray of Drumellie becoming surety for the upgiver.

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CONTRACT FOR TRANSFER OF TUTORY of the children of Master Andrew Morton, minister at Lundie: 31st October 1614.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT dated at Dundee, 31st October 1614, between Robert Gray of Drumellie, on the one part, and John Mortoune, citizen of St. Andrews, tutor to Andrew, Jean, and Bessie Morton, lawful children of the deceased Master Andrew Mortoune, late minister at Lundie, on the other part, reciting "forsameikill as the said Johnne Mortoune is presentlie to pas furth of this realme and in respect thairof and of his uther necessar effairis may not attend upone the saidis bairns nor governament of thame thair guidis and geir during thair minoriteis as it becumes him of his said office of tutorie, and knawing na man sua meit to exerce the said office of tutorie to the weill of the saidis bairnis as the said Robert Gray of Drumellie, thair grand oncle, thairfoir and for fourscoir lib.[1] money payit presentlie be the said Robert to him for his deburstments in purchessing his office and utherwayis", the said John Morton demits the office of tutory with all its powers in favour of Robert Gray, and obliges himself to warrant the same; and Robert Gray undertakes "to do his honest dewtie in causing

[1] *Sic* MS.

the saidis bairnis to be honestlie interteineit and brocht up in meit drink bedding and abuilzement and utheris necessars effeiring to thair estait and as his intromissione may yeild during the space of this present factorie foirsaid ". Written by Thomas Kessane in Dundee; witnesses, Donald Cargill, vicar of Rattray, George Wardlaw, sheriff clerk of Forfar, and William Gray, elder, notary in Dundee. (Signatures.)

160

CHARTER TO JOHN CUMMING, son of David C. in Ardormy, of a third part of the lands of Welton of Creuchies: 2nd September 1615. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Thomas Wichtand, portioner of Weltoun of Creuquhy, reciting a contract, dated 8th June 1615, between himself and James Ogilvy in Weltoun of Creuquhy, his cautioner, on the one part, and John Cumyng, lawful son of David C. in Ardormie, with his said father and Alexander Hereis, portioner of Weltoun, as cautioners, on the other part, in terms whereof he now grants and dispones to the said John Cumyng and his heirs and assignees, irredeemably, his third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewquheis, formerly possessed by the deceased Thomas Wichtand, his father, and now by himself; to be held blench of the grantor for 1*d.* and for payment to David, Lord Scone, of 51*s.* 10½*d.* and two bolls of oats, and to the convent of Scone and their successors 2*s.* 4*d.* of pittance silver. The grantor likewise gives sasine. The deed is written by Patrick Robertsone, servitor to Donald Cargill, notary, and is dated at Weltoun of Creuquhy, 2nd September 1615; witnesses, James Ogilvy and Alexander Hereis foresaid, Archibald Alschounder in Little Bamff, and Alexander Hereis, father's brother of the said Alexander Hereis. Donald and John Cargill are notaries.

161

SASINE OF JANET OGILVY in a third part of Welton of Creuchies: 2nd September 1615. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 2nd September 1615, of Janet Ogilvy, daughter of the deceased John O., son of James O. in Wester Boigsyde, on a precept of Clare Constat by David, Lord Scone, directed to Archibald Alschounder in Little Bamff to infeft her as heiress to her said father in the third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewquhy, formerly occupied by Thomas Ogilvy. The precept was dated at Scone, 7th September 1613, witnesses being, Stephen Patersone of Myres, Alexander Mershell, notary, Peter Fairhar, notary in Craigmakirrane, and Mungo Murray, servitor to Lord Scone. Infeftment was taken on the ground of the lands about 11 a.m. in presence of the said James Ogilvy, Alexander Hereis, portioner of Weltoun, Alexander Hereis, his paternal uncle, there, and Donald Cargill, notary. John Cargill, son of the latter, subscribes the instrument.

162

(Extract) DECREET OF PROROGATION anent Plantation of the Kirk of Alyth: 28th February 1618. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

ON 23rd July 1712 Sir James Ramsay of Banff made petition to the Lords of Council and Session, as Commissioners for Plantation of Kirks and valuation of teinds, for registration (in terms of Act of Parliament) of a Decreet of Prorogation dated at Edinburgh, 28th February 1618, given by the Commissioners for Plantation of Kirks in reference to a decreet of modification by them of the same date ordaining the stipend of the minister of the kirk of Alyth, payable by George Ramsay of Banff, tacksman thereof, to consist of nine bolls of victual, two-thirds meal and

one-third bere, out of the teinds of the lands and barony of Bamff, town and lands of Auchteralyth and Watersheill, with their pertinents, lying in the parish of "Elicht", irrespective of the sum of 28 merks 6*s.* 8*d.* reserved to be paid to the Bishop of Dunkeld and his successors, titulars of the teinds of the said parish, in terms of a tack produced by Gilbert Ramsay, apparent of Bamff, in name of the said George, his father, granted by Robert [Crichton], sometime Bishop of Dunkeld, to the said George and two succeeding heirs for life and thereafter for 19 years, dated 20th November and 16th December 1584 (above, Nos. 97–100); by which decreet of prorogation the Commissioners, in consideration of the augmented tack duty, extended and renewed the former tack (from the date of its expiry) for 101 years, the said George Ramsay and his successors, tacksmen thereof, paying the foresaid modified stipend in addition to the sum contained in the original tack.

163

SASINE OF HENRY RAMSAY of Ardownie in the teinds of Ardownie: 15th June 1618. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 15th June 1618, of Henry Ramesay of Ardowny, on a charter to him (which is here engrossed at length) by James, Marquis of Hamilton, of the teinds of the lands of Ardowny in the parish of Monyfuith; date and witnesses as in No. 156 *supra.* David Wedderburn, burgess of Dundee, gives infeftment on the ground of the lands about 11 a.m. in presence of Henry Ramesay, servant to Robert Durhame in Lawes, John Mudy, James Wobster and James Ramsay, servitors to the said Henry Ramsay of Ardowny. Master James Wedderburn is notary. Registered at Dundee, 7th August 1618.

164

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT by David, Lord Scone, for infefting James Ogilvy in the third part of Welton of Creuchies: 28th June 1618. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by David, Lord Scone, directed to Robert Crystie in Scone, for infefting James Ogilvie sometime in Wester Bogsyid and now in Woltoun of Cruquhie, as heir to the deceased Janet Ogilvie, his granddaughter, daughter of the deceased John O. his son, in the third part of the town and lands of Voltoun of Cruquhie, sometime occupied by Thomas Ogilvie. The deed is written by John Lytiljohne, notary in Falkland, and dated at Scone, 28th June 1618; witnesses, George Ramsay of Langraw, Henry Young, David Wode, and Peter Fayrhar, notary. (Signed by the grantor and witnesses.)

165

SASINE following upon No. 164 *supra*: 20th July 1618. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 20th July 1618, of James Ogilvie in the third part of Weltoun of Creuquhy, proceeding on the precept of Clare Constat (No. 164 *supra*) in his favour, here engrossed at length. Done about 9 a.m. in presence of Archibald Alexander in Littill Bamphe, Alexander Hereis, portioner of Weltoun of Creuquhy, Thomas Wichthand in Welltoun, John Guthrie, portioner of Kirktoun of Blair. Peter Fayrhar is notary.

166

RENUNCIATION BY JEAN JAMIESON to James Ogilvy of her life-rent of a third part of Welton of Creuchies: 20th July 1618.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

JEAN JAMSONE, widow of David Ogilwy in Weltoun of Crewquhie, for 200 merks now paid to her by James Ogilvy, brother german of the said David, renounces in his favour her life-rent of the third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewquhie now occupied by her and the said James; and allows him and his tenants to take possession of her part, renouncing all action or plea, and all bygone claims. The deed, written by Patrick Robertsone, servitor to Donald Cargill, notary, is dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 20th July 1618; witnesses, John Elder of Balbuchtie, John Ramsay, portioner of Mylntoun of Rattray, the said Donald Cargill and John Cargill his son, notaries, the said Patrick Robertsone, and Laurence Cargill, lawful son of the said Donald.

167

CONTRACT between James Ogilvy in Welton of Creuchies and Alexander Alexander, for selling to the latter the third part of Welton of Creuchies: 10th October 1618.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 10th October 1618, between James Ogilvy, portioner of Weltoune of Chreuchie, on the one part, and Alexander Alschounder, lawful son of Archibald A. in Littill Bamff, on the other part, whereby for 1,489 merks now paid by the said Alexander to the said James, the latter sells and dispones to the said Alexander irredeemably his third part of the town and lands of Weltoune of Creuchie with pertinents, sometime occupied by Thomas Ogilvie, and pertaining to

the said James as heir to Janet Ogilvie his granddaughter. And whereas David, Lord Scone, set in tack to the deceased David Ogilvy, brother german of the said James, the teind-sheaves of the above lands for nineteen years after Lammas 1610, for yearly payment of £12 5*s.* 3*d.*, dated at Perth, 8th November 1610, the said James Ogilvie, as heir to his brother David, assigns the said teinds to Alexander Alschounder for the terms yet to run of the said tack, his entry being at 1st August 1619, with all writs affecting the said lands and teinds. "And finallie the said James Ogilvy hes ratifeit and approwine and be thir presentis ratifeis and appreiwis the entres and possessioune givine and grantit be him to the said Alexander Alschounder of the said thrid pairt landis with the pertinentis upone the day of last bypast, but (without) hurt or prejudice alwayis to the said James to remove and tak away furth of the saidis houses sa mekill insicht (furniture, utensils) and plenisching as he hes presentlie within the samyne pertenyng to him, and siclyk but prejudice to him to remove and tak away ony tua dorris (doors) he pleises fra ony of the saidis houses to his awine use." The penalty for breach of contract is £100. Peter Drummond, writer in Kirk-toun of Rettray, writes the deed, the witnesses being John Ros, minister of Blairingowrie, George Nairne, son and apparent heir of Laurence Nairne of Tullifargus, Walter Crokat notary in the said Blair, Laurence Cargill, lawful son of Donald C. notary, and Patrick Robertsone, writer in Kirktoune. The principals sign by the aid of Donald and John Cargill, notaries.

168

CHARTER TO ALEXANDER ALSHOUNDER (ALEXANDER) of a third part of Welton of Creuchies: 10th October 1618.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by James Ogilwy, portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhie, whereby, in implement of a contract of same date between him and Alexander Alschounder, son lawful of Archibald A. in Litilbamff, and for the sum of 1,489 merks paid by the said Alexander to him, he grants, sells and dispones to the said Alexander and his heirs and assignees, irredeemably, the third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewquhie, formerly occupied by the deceased Thomas Ogilvy and now by the said Alexander, and belonging to the said James by heritable right as heir of entail to Janet Ogilwy his granddaughter (*neptis*): holding the same from the grantor of David, Lord Scone, as superior, for yearly payment of 51*s.* 10½*d.* and two bolls of oats to the said Lord Scone, and 2*s.* 4*d.* of pittance silver to the convent of the monastery of Scone, with other services as in former charters. This charter, written by Patrick Robertson, is dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 10th October 1618; witnesses, John Ross, minister at Blair, George Nairne, son and apparent heir of Laurence N. of Tulliefargus, Walter Crokat, notary in Blair, Laurence Cargill, son of Donald Cargill, notary, and the said Patrick Robertson.

169

SASINE following thereupon: 12th October 1618.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 12th October 1618, of the said Alexander Alschounder, in the said third part of Weltoun of Creuquhy, in terms of the foregoing charter. Laurence Nairne of Tullifargus gives infeftment on the ground of the lands about

9 a.m. in presence of Alexander Hereis in Weltoun of Crewquhie, Archibald Thom[son] in Eister Craig, the said John Ross, minister at Blair, and Patrick Robertsone. John Cargill is notary.

Registered 28th November 1618, at Perth.

170

CONFIRMATION OF CHARTER in favour of Alexander Alschunder of the third part of Weltoun of Creuquhy : 5th December 1618.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CONFIRMATION by David, Lord Scone, of charter by James Ogilwy to Alexander Alschunder of his third part of Weltoun of Creuqhy, in terms of the contract (No. 167 *supra*) between them. The charter is engrossed at length, and is dated at Kirktoun of Ratray, 10th October 1618 ; witnesses as in No. 167 *supra*. The teinds are not mentioned. The confirmation is dated at Scone, 5th December 1618 ; witnesses, Sir Andrew Moray of Balwaird, knight, Sir Mungo Moray of Drumcairne, knight, Stephen Patersone of Myris, and John Lytiljohne, notary in Falkland. Signed by the said Lord Scone and witnesses.

171

(Extract) REGISTERED BOND OF RELIEF by James, Lord Ogilvy, in favour of Gilbert Ramsay, apparent of Bamff, concerning the lands of Auchteralyth : 25th March 1619.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

REGISTRATION at Edinburgh, 11th January 1787, of Bond of Relief by James, Lord Ogilvie of Airlie, reciting that George Foullis, Master of the Mint, by Disposition dated March (then) inst. obliged himself to infeft Gilbert Ramsay, apparent of Banff, and his heirs in the Easter third part of the lands of Auchterelleth, with pertinents, in the sheriffdom of Perth, to be held in feu

for 40*s*. yearly, and the said Lord Ogilvie undertakes to warrant, free and relieve the said Gilbert Ramsay of the said feu-duty. The bond was written by Master George Davidson, servitor to Thomas Couttis, W.S., and dated at Edinburgh, 25th March 1619; witnesses, Andrew Fethie of Thorpeltoun, and William Fethie, servitor to the grantor.

(15) GILBERT RAMSAY II

(James VI and Charles I, Kings of Scotland)

1567–1649

On the 3rd June 1620 Gilbert Ramsay II, son of George Ramsay II, took seisin of Bamff, the Newton, Easter Mawes with Hilton of Mawes, and Ardormy West (Charter No. 172). Our charters numbered 173, 174, and 180 record his admission to Watersheal and the one-third of the Drumheads; while No. 182 invests him with the superiority or overlordship of Watersheal, acquired from George Lindsay, the short-lived Earl of Crawford.

A printed charter of the 14th December 1635 records the acquisition by Gilbert of the lands of Kinclune near Kingoldrum, Forfarshire, "on apprising" from John Irnis of Kinclune.[1] Another printed charter, of the 29th March 1647, informs us of the further acquisition of Little Keithick near Coupar Angus from Donald Campbell, again "on apprising".[2] Neither of these properties figures later in the family papers.[3]

In No. 181 we have a paper of unusual interest, a copy of which was sent to me long ago by an antiquarian friend, being a certificate of 'noble' birth in favour of one John Ramsay, a cadet of Dalhousie. The certificate is carried back for three generations on either side; some of the signatures are hard to decipher, but most of them are free from doubt. The original certificate should be either at Brechin or among the Dalhousie charters, but I have not yet succeeded in tracing it. The John Ramsay in question was a young man proposing to go out to Sweden to take service under Gustavus Adolphus, as several of his family had already done and were doing; while we are told that his own father

[1] Paper Register of the Great Seal, iv. 35, communicated by the Rev. Henry Paton. [2] Ibid. v. 35, communicated as above.

[3] The acquisitions of Kinclune and Little Keithick attributed to Gilbert Ramsay II were by way of mortgage only, and the latter transaction should be attributed to Gilbert Ramsay III.

had fought in Brittany on the Huguenot side. The certificate is specially addressed to the King of Sweden, and was signed at Dalhousie, Brechin, and Dundee on the 28th and 30th March 1623. It bears the signatures of twenty-three men of position, eight of them Ramsays, headed by "Ramsay of Dalhousie", with Gilbert of Balmain, and George Ramsay of Bamff (brother of Gilbert) to follow, besides [David] Crawford of Edzell, Annand of Persie, Strachan of Brigton, Rait of Hallgreene. The certificate states that John Ramsay was son of Alexander, the son of William, the son of Alexander, who was son of "Dalhousie". This man should be either Nicholas, who succeeded in 1513 and died in 1554, or George, who was married in 1528, each of whom had a younger son of the name of Alexander. John's parentage is fully traced both on his father's and on his mother's side. His mother, the wife of Alexander, was Matilda Annand, daughter of Andrew Annand of Persie; his father's mother, the wife of William, was Janet Lindsay of Edzell; while his grandfather's mother, the wife of Alexander, younger son of Dalhousie, was Janet Guthrie, daughter of William Guthrie of Hilton. The female ancestry of John's mother is as unimpeachable as that of his father. Matilda Annand's mother was Helen Strachan, daughter of Robert Strachan of Brigton; and Helen's mother again was Catherine Rait of Halgrene.

Paternal Side.

Dalhousie
|
Alexander = Janet Guthrie
|
William = Janet Lindsay
|
Alexander = Matilda Annand
|
John

Maternal Side.

Catherine Rait = Robert Strachan of Brigton
|
Helen Strachan = Andrew Annand
|
Matilda Annand = Alexander Ramsay
|
John

With respect to the war in Brittany in which John's late father had been engaged, I take it that it must have been the war

between Henry IV of France and the Catholic League (1591–2). Perhaps he may have served in the army sent by Elizabeth to Brittany in 1591.[1] But I cannot make out the "*arcem Britanne dimensem*", at the storming of which John's father had assisted.

Charters No. 179 and 183 relate to money matters between George Ramsay and his brother the laird.

The permutations of the petty fractions of the estate of Creuchies, little lairdships not yet annexed to Bamff, still occupy considerable space in our pages. Nos. 184 to 187 deal with a wadset or mortgage of part of the Hatton; the mortgagor binds himself to 'timber and wattle and thatch with turf' the Hall, namely, the residence from which that part of the property took its name. Nos. 191 to 194 (August–October 1629) again deal with this same Halton or Hatton, leaving it in the hands of a worthy Knight Baronet, created two years before, namely, Sir George Ogilvy of Banff in the North. What can have induced the future Lord Ogilvy of Banff to invest his money in the wattle and thatch Hall at Creuchies, unless through some confusion of Bamff with Banff, does not appear. Apparently he did not think much of the acquisition, as a year later he managed to pass it on to another Ogilvy, James, 7th Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, and his son, James, the Master of Ogilvy (No. 197, 3rd October 1630). These two men, I may point out, were destined shortly to figure in the Civil War as devoted Royalists, the friends and supporters of Montrose. In Nos. 204 to 206 we have the sale of one-third of the Welton of Creuchies to one Alexander Stewart for £800 Scots currency, reckoned to be worth one-twelfth of the English currency of the time. I shall have more to say on this subject, but with regard to the sale of the Welton I may call attention to the fact that the vendors pledge themselves not to remove the buildings —as if the transfer of the land did not necessarily carry with it

[1] Sismondi, France, xxi. 114. See also La Borderie, "Bretagne," v. 214, 217, 287.

the buildings on the land; and they specially pledge themselves not to remove the doors, windows, or "fixed work" of any kind. From this we gather that *prima facie* doors and windows would be the property of the tenant in possession. So of doors, above, p. 181. Nos. 238 and 239 hand on this same third of the Welton to a man of the name of Geddie and his wife; Nos. 244 and 245 disclose a mortgage of another third of this Welton, worth noticing because it tells of sheep on the land. Nos. 233 and 234 tell of a marriage settlement by people of the name of Sanders of one-third of the Mains of Creuchies, while the Geddies mortgage their third of the Welton to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, whether Gilbert the father or Gilbert the son does not appear (Nos. 251–253).

But the distinctive feature of the charters of our Gilbert are the marriage contracts of his daughters, five of which have been preserved. The documents relating to the marriage of Gilbert's eldest daughter Jean with Master James Nicholson, Bishop of Dunkeld,[1] have not been preserved. The earliest in our collection is that concerning Mistress Helen. She was married to David Ogilvy, son of James Ogilvy of the Newton of Bellaty in Glenisla in Forfarshire. The contract is dated 20th and 26th October 1627 (No. 188); Helen to be infeft for her life in the lands and mill of Freuchie, now commonly known as the East Mill, with one-sixth part of Pitlochrie, all in Glenisla; the same, with the whole estate of Newton of Bellaty, to be settled on the issue male of the marriage, subject always to the existing life estates of James Ogilvy, the father, and his wife Margaret. Minute provisions follow as to existing leases of the property, and to meet the case of the young people dying before their elders. Teinds and multures to go with the mill and lands. James Ogilvy undertakes to sustain and entertain the couple "in meit, claith, bed, buird and all utheris necessaris effeiring to thair estait" for one year. The 'other necessaries',

[1] Douglas, Baronage.

we must suppose, would include washing. But, prudently, the contract goes on to specify that in case the parties could not " agrie charitablie togidder in household during the said spaice ", then James Ogilvy will give the young people 200 marks in lieu of further entertainment ; and in any case will provide them with 200 marks as an outfit, in " pennie or pennie worth ", the " pennie worth " to be settled by chosen judges or " pryseris ". For the benefit of any female issue of the marriage 4,000 or 5,000 marks, according to circumstances, to be found by James Ogilvy ; while lastly Gilbert undertakes to deliver to David Ogilvy a " tocher " of 3,500 marks for Helen, in full for all " bairns part or portion natural ". Gilbert and the two Ogilvys sign with their own hands, the former signing as " G. R. Bamffe ". But Helen, alas ! has to sign through the notary " because she cannot write ". Among the witnesses are Master Thomas Lundie, Minister of Alyth, and Master George Halyburton, Minister of Glenisla. The ruins of a castle at the Newton of Bellaty are shown on the maps.

Our next marriage is that of Elizabeth Ramsay to James Annand, son of Thomas Annand of Persie ; her marriage was probably celebrated at the same time as that of her sister Helen, as the dates of the legal documents are interlaced. Helen's marriage contract was dated 20th and 26th October 1627 ; that of Elizabeth has not been preserved in full, but apparently it was dated 21st September in the same year ; while actual seisin of the lands settled upon her was taken on the 2nd November following. Under the contract the lands of Easter Persie, Muir Persie and Ase or Ars, and the mill and mill-lands of Persie with the teind sheaves and manor-place of Persie, in the barony of Kincaldrum and Regality of Arbroath in the county of Forfar, to be settled on the couple and the heirs male of the marriage, in full satisfaction of all tierce that could be claimed at the death of the said James Annand (No. 189).

I may point out that in 1623 we had the same Thomas Annand of Persie, the father of the bridegroom, testifying to the marriage of Matilda Annand, daughter of Andrew Annand of Persie, presumably his sister or his aunt, with one Alexander Ramsay of Dalhousie descent (No. 181). Of the tocher of Elizabeth the instrument of sasine of course tells us nothing. But a year later (5th December 1628, No. 190) we find Thomas Annand agreeing to accept a personal bond for 1,200 marks in satisfaction of 1,100 marks due to him on account of the tocher of Elizabeth. Again, we may notice the payment of the bride's dowry, not to the bridegroom, but to his father. Eight years later again James Annand, having found it convenient to sell the lands settled on his wife as her dower, and she having surrendered her estate in the same, binds himself in satisfaction to infeft her for life in the lands of Auchinlucie, and the corn-mill thereof with pertinents, in the Regality of Kirriemuir and shire of Forfar, subject always to existing life-rents, and to charges on the lands of Kingwhirreis which he undertakes to redeem; in the meantime he is to secure Elizabeth in the profit or interest of 6,000 marks until the lands have been cleared; and, as security, leases certain teinds to her for life (16th July 1636, No. 219). Nos. 220–222 give effect to the arrangement.

We now pass to the wedding of Isobel, fourth daughter of Gilbert, to David, son of James Rattray of Rannagulzion. The contract is dated 26th August 1634 (No. 202, with ancillary documents Nos. 203, 235). James Rattray undertakes to settle Rannagulzion on the couple as joint tenants and the heirs male of their bodies begotten, whom failing, the lands to descend to the heirs male of David, the grant to include 'all rights of fishing, fowling, hawking and hunting within the bounds of the Forest of Alyth'.

James Rattray further binds himself to infeft his son David and his heirs male in the lands of Corb and Drumturn, and the mill of Drumturn, with all its incidents and profits, and also to

infeft him in the lands and teinds of Monydie Roger in the parish of Auchtergaven (now in Redgorton parish). He also binds himself to transfer to his son 1,000 marks, invested on good security. For Isobel's tocher Gilbert will provide 5,000 marks, to be delivered, this time, to the bridegroom, not to his father. If there should be none but daughters issue of the marriage David Ogilvy to provide 5,000 or 6,000 marks according to the number of the girls. For the case of there being both sons and daughters of the marriage no provision is made; apparently in that case the daughters would have to look to their brother's liberality for support. This, however, is a constant feature of the marriage contracts of the time.

Next of the marriages of Gilbert's daughters is that of Bessie, to Alexander son of Alexander Robertson of Middle Downie. The contract is dated 13th and 17th January 1637–8 (No. 224; Nos. 225 and 226 carry out the contract). The elder Alexander to infeft his son and the heirs male of the marriage in two-thirds of Middle Downie in Strathairdle and the sheriffdom of Perth, together with a croft on the west side of the burn there (Alt Menach), half of the lands of Over Downie, and half of the lands of Runavey in Glenshee, in the same sheriffdom, together with the whole of the mill, mill-lands and multures of the corn-mill of Middle Downie. The lands "adstricted" or thirled to this mill included Inverchroskie, Godmanochtie, Moirleuchtie, Over Downie, Bordland, Cultelame, Strongiemuk, Dalrulzion, and Glengavenat. With rights extending over such an extent of territory it is not surprising to hear that the profits of the mill came to seven marks while the issues of the lands included in the settlement only came to twelve marks "of old extent" (of the time of the peace?). The elder Robertson also bound himself to infeft his son in the lands of Lochinwart and Dalnagairn, Glentatnich and its Forest within the barony of Glendowok, by annexation within the sheriffdom of Perth, saving certain life-estates. Bessie is to be infeft in

Dalnagairn, the half of Runavey, and another small piece of land for life, again saving life-estates ; she is also to have the " profit " of 5,000 marks invested on good security. The elder Robertson further agrees to house and entertain the couple for two years, and leases them a pendicle in Glentatnich. Gilbert Ramsay and his son will provide a tocher of 5,000 marks to be invested in land or rents ; Bessie to have the interest of it. If only daughters issue of the marriage the provision to be 5,000 or 6,000 marks, according to circumstances.

Sixth and last of the daughters of Gilbert Ramsay II to be married was Katharine, joined in wedlock to George Bannerman of Middle and Nether Cardney in the barony of Dunkeld. The contract is dated 19 July 1638 (No. 227). Bannerman pledges himself to infeft Katharine for her life in the lands of Middle and Nether Cardney ; also to infeft her in the lands and shealing of Auchnaglear, the woods of Crannich (described as oak, birch, and alder), and the half of Stenton, with the half of the mill of Stenton and its multures, and the half of the fishings of salmon in the Tay, subject, however, to an existing life-rent, and also to a right of redemption, as to Stenton for 3,000 marks. Bannerman also leases to Katharine for her life the teind sheaves of Middle and Nether Cardney, subject always to the fragments due to the Bishop of Dunkeld and the Vicar of Caputh. In the event of George Bannerman dying before Katharine, leaving heirs male, she to renounce half of her half of Stenton ; Bannerman, however, to invest 2,000 marks for her benefit.

Gilbert Ramsay or his son will provide 3,000 marks in full for all Katharine's claims from father or mother. The tocher to be repaid if Katharine should die within three years leaving no issue. If only female issue should come of the marriage the provision to be 3,000 to 6,000 marks according to circumstances. Charters Nos. 229 to 232 give effect to these stipulations.

But Gilbert had an eldest son, also of the name of Gilbert,

as well as daughters, to marry. In Nos. 207 to 217 we have a series of documents effecting the resettlement of Bamff in pursuance of the marriage contract entered into between Gilbert, his wife Isobel, and their son Gilbert the younger on the one part, and Sir Thomas Blair of Balthyock, knight, and his eldest daughter Elizabeth Blair of the other part. The contract bears date 21st and 24th November 1634 at Balthyock and Bamff. On the latter of the two days the elder Gilbert 'disponed' to his son Gilbert and the heirs male of the marriage, 'bearing the surname and arms of Ramsay', the barony of Bamff with the lands of Wester Ardormie, Easter Mawes and Hilton of Mawes, "which are part of Eister Mawes", subject as to certain parts to his life estate therein, and as to other parts to the life estate of his wife Isobel therein (No. 207). Charter 208 gives effect to the foregoing. By Charter 209 the elder Gilbert dispones to his wife Isobel the three several thirds, East, Middle, and West, of Auchteralyth for her life, to be held under the superior James, Lord Ogilvy of Airlie; and by No. 210, with consent of his said wife, he grants the same to his son Gilbert and his wife Elizabeth, subject to Isobel's life interest therein; while again by Nos. 211, 212, and 213 he grants the third part of the Drumheads, and also Watersheal and Craighead, to them, subject to his own life interests therein. By No. 214 James, Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, and his son James, the Master of Ogilvy, confirm No. 209; while Nos. 15–17 record the actual feudal investitures following.

In No. 218 of the 9th June 1636 we have an interesting tack or lease of Easter Mawes let along with a pendicle by the two Gilberts, father and son, to one James Wilson, living at or tenant of West Drummie; the lease is for the term of four years; the rent for the first three years to be 280 marks, and for the last year 300 marks, besides three dozen poultry and the payment of the teinds, namely £16 to the Titular or impropriator Lord Stormont (Mungo Murray), and £5 for the vicarage teinds, payable to the

minister of Blair[gowrie]. The tenant is bound to leave the buildings in as good condition as he received them; but the landlord must supply him with the necessary timber for repairs, "post pan and gryt timmer". "Post" here would mean doorpost; "pan" is expounded as "wall plate", or boarding laid on the top of the wall, to receive the feet of the rafters, and "gryt timmer" would doubtless mean the rafters themselves. Apart from the doors and windows, we thus have the essential woodwork of a house; and doors we have already seen treated as 'tenant's fixtures' (above, p. 181). Buildings erected by the tenant to be paid for at valuation on leaving, or removed at will. Flax ("lint") appears as a recognized crop. The lease shows cultivation on a larger scale than we might have expected considering the minute subdivision of land in general, and especially if the tenant was working West Drummie at the same time. At the present day the assessed rent of Easter Mawes is £377 19*s*. 3*d*. The 300 marks rent of 1640 would be equal to £200; unfortunately the £1 Scots of the time was worth only one-twelfth of the English currency; thus the seemingly handsome rent of 300 marks melts down to £16 13*s*. 4*d*. English.

To finish with the minor documents directly connected with Bamff, we learn from No. 198 that the vicarage teinds payable to the minister of Alyth from the barony of Bamff, together with Auchteralyth, Ardormie and Watersheal, for the year 1630 came to 56 marks. Master Thomas Lundie, the minister, gives Gilbert a receipt in full for all dues to date, including an arrear of nine bolls of "victual" (oats and barley) from the year 1629. From this it would appear that the stipend was partly paid in kind and partly in money. In our next charter (No. 199, 7th January 1631) we find Gilbert in the humiliating position of borrowing from tenants. 750 marks have been advanced to him by a family of the name of Mackie, tenants of Little Bamff. As security for the money he mortgages to them the shadow half of the East third part, say

one-sixth, of Little Bamff, "with the shadow half of the houses thereto belonging". With so many daughters to marry, Gilbert might well be in straits at times. Going on to No. 223 we have a very nice letter from one John Blair of Pittendreich (near Meikleour) to Gilbert, asking him to release a tenant's corn that had been impounded for arrears of rent, and undertaking to make good any deficiency. Blair signs himself "your luiffing cousing to serve you", and the letter is addressed "To the richt honorabill his moist special freind the Laird of Bamff, theis" (11th September 1636).

Among the charters not directly connected with Bamff we have No. 176 (12th and 14th May 1621), by which Alexander Ramsay of Jordanstone is found heir to his great-grandfather, David Ramsay, and confirmed in the possession under different titles of a sixth and a third of the Drumheads. But it was not till 1624 that he was returned heir to Jordanstone as son of David Ramsay (Retour). No. 237 (14th November 1640) is a mortgage of Middle and East Drummie made by George Drummond of Blair[gowrie] to James Small for 3,250 marks. Seven more documents remain of the period of our first Gilbert. Of these, No. 201 (6th July 1632) is a decree of valuation of the teinds or tithes of Couttie in the parish of Bendochie, in view of the "plantation" of a kirk there; the Titular or impropriator, James Elphinstone, Lord Coupar; the heritor or landowner, Patrick Ogilvy of Bendochie; the minister, with subcommissioners of the Presbytery of Meigle, are all represented, and the land is found "to haif payed, presentlie payis and may pay in tyme cuming of constant yeirlie rent in stock and teynd ten chalders victual, twa pairt meill third pairt beir". A chalder, I am told, was equal to 16 bushels.

Of our remaining documents four yield economic facts of great interest. Nos. 195 and 196, the latter being a very inaccurate copy of the former, both dated 1st April 1630, give us

an inventory of the personal estate of Master Samuel Ramsay, minister at Arbroath, drawn up by himself. This man might fairly be conjectured to have been the son of his namesake the worthy schoolmaster at Dundee, established in the Bamff house in the Flukergate, of whom we heard in the last generation. The inventory of Master Samuel's goods should be considered in connexion with his will (No. 200, 9th March 1631). If we remember the pitiful inventory of the effects of the laird of Bamff in possession 1530–1542, who for furniture could only boast of one chair and two beds—the equipment of a modern ploughman's bothie—we shall be amazed at the substantial comfort, not to say luxury, found in the house of his great-grandson the minister. For his dining-table in the hall Samuel, no doubt, has to be content, like his ancestor, with boards of wainscot and trestles, and forms of oak to sit upon. But the list also shows occasional tables with leaves that draw, and drawers that lock; Flemish chairs; three "stand" of curtains, one of them of green camlet, another of "green linen and woollen" and the third of Spanish work, besides the "stand" round the minister's bed. Still more surprising it is to hear of three pictures[1] "wrought weil in Holland", two of them representing sacred subjects, and the third having a gilt frame. Then we have a mysterious entry of three great boards with thirteen "stanes of marble", presumably some game. Could it mean an indoor curling table? Then we have forty-five pounds of pewter plates, cups and glasses of "christal", Dutch beer cans with lids, goodly store of napery, seven silver spoons, and one silver cup, gilt. There is a butter tub and a mustard pot; and three good hams from "Narowa" are hanging in the hall. To modern ideas the strangest items are those given in the supplemental list, No. 196, where apparently all the woodwork of the Manse, "biging" barn and byre, doors and door-posts,

[1] "Twa great tables." I venture to render "tables" as 'paintings' on the strength of the Latin *tabula*, which is used in that sense.

windows, rafters, and wall-plates are valued as the minister's property. This agrees with the evidence already given by some of our charters that a grant of land did not necessarily carry with it the right to the buildings on it, at any rate not to the woodwork of the buildings.

The explanation of the striking expansion in wealth and comfort shown by the inventory of 1630, as compared with that of 1542, must be found in the simple fact that at the latter date Scotland had been at peace for the lengthy period of eighty years. The last invading force from the South had been cleared out of Scotland by 1550. In 1630 peace obtained, as under the Alexanders; the Civil Wars were to come, but they had not come yet.

To pass on to Master Samuel's will (No. 200). He died in the month of April 1632, and his will was confirmed on the 22nd of the month. As an attesting witness we have Alexander Ramsay, son of David Ramsay of Balmain. The friendly connexion kept up between the different branches of the family is again worth noting. The total estate, as returned by Gilbert Ramsay, the laird of Bamff, as chief executor, amounted to the sum of £1449 13*s.* 4*d.* including furniture but exclusive of 500 marks "lyand besyde him", a hoard of which Samuel had already made special disposition. The assets consisted of money on personal bonds and arrears of stipend, the latter largely paid in kind. He directs himself to be buried beside his deceased wife and children; he leaves all his books and his best gown to Master Andrew Collace, minister at Ecclesgreig; he provides 200 marks a year for the maintenance of Margaret Fyffe, his sister-in-law, widow of a deceased brother, if she remain single; if she marry again she is to have only £40 a year. He bequeaths 20 marks a year to his sister Isobel, relict of the late Robert Alexander in Galrae; the whole residue he leaves to be divided between Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and his nephew John Ramsay. The latter being under

age, he appoints Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, David Ramsay of Balmain, Sir Gilbert Ramsay, fiar of Balmain, and Master Andrew Collace his guardians until he attain the age of fourteen. I may call attention to the fact that we get here for the benefit of the Baronetage books, namely, that Gilbert Ramsay of Balmain was created a baronet in the lifetime of his father David.

As economic facts of interest we find in Samuel's will a "boll" of wheat valued at £10; a boll of meal at £4 13*s.* 4*d.*; and a boll of bere at £5 8*s.* 6*d.*; the boll of wheat contained four bushels, that of bere five bushels, and that of oats six bushels. In the year 1631 the quarter of wheat in England was at 41*s.*;[1] a boll of wheat therefore would have run to 20*s.* 6*d.* But the Scots £10 was only worth 16*s.* 8*d.* English. Again, with regard to the bere, or barley, the boll of barley was reckoned at five bushels. In England, barley in the year 1631[2] was at 24*s.* 5*d.* the quarter; the boll therefore would have come to about 15*s.* 3*d.*, as against the £5 8*s.* 6*d.* in Scotland, but this was only worth 9*s.* 0½*d.* English. In this connexion we may pass on to our Nos. 236 and 242 (28th February 1643), an order of Court for the sale of the estate of Couttie, to pay the owner's debts. There we find the boll of oats valued at £3 13*s.* 4*d.* In England at 15*s.* the quarter the boll of oats would have fetched only 11*s.* 3*d.*; while the £3 13*s.* 4*d.* Scots was only worth 6*s.* 1⅓*d.* English. In other articles we have the same delusive figures. The lamb at Bendochy is valued at 26*s.* 8*d.*; in England a sheep could be had for 7*s.* to 10*s.* In England a "tod" or twenty-eight pounds of wool could be had for 18*s.* 5½*d.*;[3] at Bendochy a single pound of wool seems to be valued at 16*s.* 8*d*(?). But if we reduce the Scots currency to its value in the English currency, about one-twelfth, the balance will be turned, and the poorer country will show the lower rates of price.

[1] Rogers, Prices, v. 270. [2] Id.

[3] Id. 409.

Among the persons made parties to the application to the Court for leave to sell the estate of Couttie, the owner Patrick Ogilvy son of Patrick being a minor, are the two Gilbert Ramsays, father and son, described as among the nearest of kin to young Patrick. In a later charter (No. 256) we have Jean Ramsay "Lady Couttie", widow of Patrick Ogilvy, presumably widow of the elder and mother of the younger Patrick; but her relationship to the two Gilberts does not appear. Probably she was daughter of one of the younger sons of George II; that would make her cousin of the elder Gilbert.

Two of the last charters of the time of Gilbert II (Nos. 240 and 241, 23rd and 24th June 1642) give us another devolution of Ardownie. From the former we learn in the first place that Henry Ramsay, who in 1623 could still describe himself as 'of Ardownie' (above, No. 181), has since then transferred the estate to his daughter Helen and her husband, Master William Murray; and in the second place we find that the latter two are conveying the estate to James Durham, second son of William Durham, owner of the adjoining property of the Grange. No. 241 is the Royal charter confirming the sale; sasine was given, No. 245 below.

The date of the death of Gilbert II has not been preserved; nor is the retour of his son Gilbert III forthcoming. We last heard of them both together on the 28th February 1643, as parties to the application to the Court for leave to sell Bendochie and Couttie. The next mention that we have of a Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff is of the 27th October 1649, being a disposition in his favour of Bendochie and Couttie under the orders of the Court.[1] I think that the son should be the man in question. There is only one Gilbert mentioned; if the father had been the grantee we should surely have had the son associated with him, if only as a witness, as in the earlier proceedings. But the only Ramsay witness is

[1] MS. Inventory of writs relating to Bendochy and Couttie, 1394–1651, Bamff Inventory, No. 1067 A, items 82 sqq.

one David, presumably he of Jordanstone. At the same time we do not get clear proof of Gilbert III being in possession of Bamff till the 20th August 1652 (No. 250).

By Isobel, daughter of James Ogilvy the elder, of Clova (contract 4th November 1600, Nos. 127, 128, 129), Gilbert Ramsay II had issue—

Gilbert Ramsay III, who succeeded him, married to Elizabeth Blair, eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Blair of Balthyock (contract 24th November 1634, Nos. 207, 208, 217).

Jean, married to Master James Nicholson, Bishop of Dunkeld.[1]

Helen, married to David Ogilvy, son of James Ogilvy of the Newton of Bellaty (contract 20th and 26th October 1627, No. 188).

Elizabeth, married to James Annand, son of Thomas Annand of Persie (contract 2nd November 1627, Nos. 189, 219, etc.).

Isobel, married to David, son of James Rattray of Rannagulzion (contract 26th August 1634, Nos. 202, 203, 235).

Bessie, married to Alexander Robertson, son of Alexander Robertson of Middle Downie in Strathairdle (contract 13th and 17th January 1637, Nos. 224, 225, 226).

Katharine, married to George Bannerman of Middle Cardney in the barony of Dunkeld (contract 19th July 1638, No. 227).

A previous charter told us that Elizabeth and Isobel were the same name; if so, three of Gilbert's daughters must have borne the same name!

[1] Douglas, Baronage.

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SASINE OF GILBERT RAMSAY of Bamff in the barony of Bamff, lands of Mawes, Ardormie, etc.: 3rd June 1620.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 3rd June 1620, of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, on Crown precept from Chancery directed to William, Earl of Tullibardine, Sheriff of Perth, dated 29th May 1620, and commission by the said Sheriff to Patrick Ros, one of the mairs of the shire, dated 2nd June thereafter, to infeft the said Gilbert as heir to the deceased George R. of Bamff, his father, in the lands and barony of Bamff, comprehending the towns and lands of Bamff, Litle Bamff, Hiltoun of Bamff, Mains of Bamff, Kynkedlie, Pitdrey, Foyle, mill and Miltoun thereof, and Newtoun of Bamff, all bounded and possessed as formerly described; also the lands of Eister Mawis and town and lands of Hiltoun of Mawes, bounded as formerly described; also the lands of Ardormie and west part thereof, also bounded and occupied as formerly described, all united and erected into the barony of Bamff. Infeftment was taken at the fortalice of Bamff about 7 p.m. in presence of Thomas and George Ramsay, brothers german of the said Gilbert, John Chalmeris in Pitdrey, and Archibald Elchwner in Elicht. Alexander Inglis is notary. Registered at Perth 1st August 1620.

N.B.—The boundaries of the subjects above mentioned are narrated at length, in the vernacular, but are only a repetition of what is contained in earlier writs, already given *in extenso*.

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SASINE following upon Charter (No. 150 *supra*) : 14th June 1620. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 14th June 1620, of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, on a charter of sale by David, Earl of Crawfuird, to him and his heirs male and assignees, of the town and lands of Watterscheill with the pendicle called Craigheid, with all pertinents, lying in the Forest (*nemore*) of Alyth. In the precept the grantee is designated younger of Bamff. The charter was written by James Ramsay, notary in Edinburgh, and dated at Edinburgh Castle, 23rd June 1612 ; witnesses, Laurence Nairne of Tullifargus, etc. Sasine was given on the lands about 1 p.m. in presence of George Ramsay in Lytill Bamff, Gilbert Maistertoun in Hiltoun of Bamff, James Alschounder there, and David Lownie in Ardormie. James Forrester is notary.

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PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT in favour of Gilbert Ramsay of Banff, to infeft him as heir to his father in the third part of Drumheads : 21st October 1620. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by David Levingstone of Dunypais, baron of Craigis, directed to George Ramsay in Lytill Bamff, for infefting Gilbert Ramesay of Bamff as heir to the deceased George Ramesay of Bamff, his father, in the third part of the lands of Drumflognes, with pertinents, in the barony of Craigis and sheriffdom of Forfar, which is held blench of the grantor for 1*d.* Scots. Written by Thomas Fyiff, servitor to Master Alexander Wedderburne, town clerk of Dundee, and dated at Dundie, 21st October 1620 ; witnesses, Sir James Crichtone of Ruthvenis, knight, David Barclay of Matheris, David [Lindsay], Bishop of

Brechin, and the said Thomas Fyiff. [Signed] "David Levingstone of Donypaice; Da. Brechin; Ja. Cry^e^toune, vitnes; David Barclay, witnes."

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CHARTER BY ALEXANDER ALSHOUNDER to John Jackson (Dickson?)[1] and his wife of a third part of Weltonn of Creuchies: 20th March 1621. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Alexander Alschounder, portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhie, mentioning a contract of this date between him and John Jackson, younger, in Mains of Crewquhie, and Janet Chalmer his spouse, whereby for 1,000 merks paid to him he obliged himself to sell and dispone to them and their heirs heritably his third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewquhie, holding blench of the grantor for payment to him of 1*d.* Scots, and paying to the superiors the duties accustomed. Charter is accordingly made in these terms, and precept is directed to John Chalmer in Petdrey to give sasine. Dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 20th March 1621; witnesses, Master Thomas Lundie, minister at Alyth, George Drummond in Lorntie, George Robertsone in Burnheid of Blairingowrie, Walter Crokat, notary in Kirktoun of Blair, and Patrick Robertson, servitor to Donald Cargill, notary.

(The deed is cut and cancelled.)

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CHARTER BY DAVID LIVINGSTONE of Dunipace to Alexander Ramsay of Jordanstone, of a sixth and third part of the lands of Drumheads: 12th and 14th May 1621. (Latin) *Parchment.*

DAVID LEVINGSTONE of Dunypais, baron of Craigis, clearly understanding that David Ramsay of Jourdenstoun died last infeft in the sixth part of the lands of Drumflogneis, formerly pertaining to Thomas Ogilvy, lying in the barony of Craigis and

[1] See No. 177 below.

sheriffdom of Forfar, and that Alexander Ramesay, now of Jourdenstoun, is nearest heir to the said David Ramsay his great-grandfather in the said sixth part; and also understanding that the deceased John Crichtone of Ruthvens, proprietor of the third part of the foresaid lands, sold to the said deceased David Ramesay his said third part, and likewise Sir James Crichton of Ruthvens, grandson of John, disponed it to the said Alexander Ramsay, to be held of the said David Livingstone as superior: Now of new (and that for certain sums of money paid to him the said David Levingstone by Gilbert Ramesay of Bamff, George Lammy of Dunkany, and Master Alexander Wedderburne of Kinganey, tutors to the said Alexander Ramesay), he gives, grants and dispones (with consent of James Crichton now of Ruthvens) to the said Alexander Ramsay and his heirs and assignees irredeemably all and whole the foresaid sixth part of Drumflognie and also the foresaid third part of the same, to be held of the said David Livingstone for payment of the respective duties and services contained in the old infeftments. Thomas Fyiff, servitor to Master Alexander Wedderburne, clerk of Dundee, writes the charter, which is dated at Dundie, 12th and 14th May 1621; witnesses, Gilbert Lammy, brother german of the said George, George Nairne, apparent of Tullyfergus, John Strathauchin of Goislesly, John Levingstone, brother natural of the said David, Edward Kinked, servitor to the grantor, and David Wemys, mariner, burgess of Dundee. (Signatures.)

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Sasine following upon No. 175 *supra*: 17th May 1621.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 17th May 1621, of John Diksone, younger, in Mains of Crewquhie, and Janet Chalmer his spouse, of the third part town and lands of Weltoun of Crewquhie, in terms of Charter No. 170 *supra*. John Chalmer in Petdrey gives

infeftment, on the ground of the lands about 10 a.m., in presence of George Ramsay in Eister Mawis, William Davidsone *alias* Pulyomvir in Hilheid of Muirtoun of Crewquhie, Donald Cargill, notary, and Patrick Robertsone his servitor.

(Cut and cancelled.)

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SASINE following upon No. 176 *supra*: 4th June 1621.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 4th June 1621, of Alexander Ramesay of Jourdenstoun in a third and a sixth part of Drumflognies, in terms of Charter No. 176 *supra*. The charter is engrossed at length. Robert Maxwell in Reidie gives infeftment, on the ground of the respective lands about 10 a.m.; witnesses, Gilbert Ramesay of Bamff, Alexander Crichtone, brother german of James Crichtone of Ruthvenis, William Ramesay, lawful son of Andrew R. at the Mill of Innerqueich, and Andrew Fairnie, gardener in Bamff. James Forrester is notary.

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RENUNCIATION BY GEORGE RAMSAY to his brother Gilbert R. of Bamff, of an annual rent out of the barony of Bamff: 21st May 1622. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

BY Contract dated at Bamff, 20th September 1592, the deceased George Ramsay of Bamff undertook to infeft the deceased John Scrymgeour, sometime of Glaswall, in an annual rent of 200 merks upliftable from the barony of Bamff, or any part thereof, suspending payment of the said annual rent during the lifetime of Marion Crychtoune, John's mother, and for three years after her death, under reversion for 2,000 merks. This was recorded at the instance of John Scrymgeour, son and heir of the said John, against the said deceased Laird of Bamff; and the said John

Scrymgeour on 11th November 1611 made over his right to George Ramsay, lawful son of the said Laird, both the annual rent and principal sum. Now Gilbert Ramsay, now of Bamff, son and heir of the said Laird, has paid to the said George, his brother german, a certain sum for redemption of the above annual rent, and the said George therefore renounces the same in his favour and delivers up the writs affecting the said wadset. The deed is written by Laurence Cargill, son of Donald C. notary, and dated at Kirktoune of Rattray, 21st May 1622; witnesses, Master John Lyndsay of Kinloche, John and Laurence Cargill and the said Donald C. their father, and Patrick Robertson, writer in Kirktoun. [Signed] " Georg Ramsay with my hand " ; and by the witnesses.

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SASINE following upon No. 174 *supra* : 7th June 1622.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 7th June 1622, of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff in the third part of the lands of Drumflognies, in terms of Precept No. 174 *supra.* George Ramsay in Lytill Bamff gives sasine as bailie, on the ground of the lands about 5 p.m. ; witnesses, John Chalmer in Pitdrey, Thomas Makkie in Lytill Bamff, John Alschoundour in Watterscheill, John Cargill in Mekle Derrie, and John Barnet there. James Forrester is notary.

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" PEDIGREE OF JOHN RAMSAY, son of William, son of Alexander, son of Dalhousie " : 28th and 30th March 1623.

(Modern copy.)

" UNIVERSIS et singulis regibus, principibus, ducibus, magistratibus, provinciarum etc. præfectis etc.; præsertim vero potentissimo et serenissimo Principi, Gustavo Adolpho, Dei gratia

Suecorum, Gothorum, Vandalorumque Regi, aliisque quibuscumque, etc. ad quorum notitiam etc. Nos David [Lindsay] miseratione divina Episcopus Brechinensis in regno Scotiæ, necnon minister, ballivi et consules prædictæ civitatis, aliique subscribentes, salutem." (Exordium follows, dwelling on the importance of recognizing and rewarding merit and accordingly that the subscribers when requested willingly gave the following witness on behalf of "Johannem Ramsay nunc rei militari in ditionibus Vestræ Majestatis invigilantem" . . . in case of his wishing to travel farther abroad or to settle abroad . . .) "quare quum post factam inquisitionem fidedignissimorum hominum quibus nos id muneris demandavimus nobis compertum sit, certum facimus et testamur prædictum Johannem Ramsay legitimum et legitimo matrimonio et generosis parentibus ortum fuisse, nobilibusque familiis tam a paterno quam materno genere descendisse, patre scilicet honorifico et illustri viro Capitanio Alexandro Ramsay, jam mortuo, qui regias secutus partes bello civili virtutis documenta egregia dedit, maxime quod arcem Britanne diruensem munitissimam expugnavit; [matre] Matilda Annand, avo Gulielmo Ramsay (beatæ memoriæ), avia Joneta Lindsay, filia legitima Domini de Edzell, ex proavo Alexandro Ramsay, filio legitimo Domini de Dalhousie, etc. quod familiæ nomen in chronicis nostris ab Hectore Boetio Ramsayum, a Georgio Buchanano Ramiseum nuncupatur, proavia Joneta Guthre, filia legitima Gulielmi Guthrie de Hiltoun, etc.; matre pariter Metilda Annand, filia legitima Andreæ Annand de Persie ex honorabili et perspicua stirpe et jam prognata, avia Helena Strachane, filia legitima Roberti Strachane de Brigtoun, proavo Thoma Annand de Percy, proavia Catherina Reat de Halgrene laudatissimæ apud Scotos memoriæ." (Given at Dalhousie, Dundee and Brechin respectively on the 28th and 30th days of March, A.D. 1623, "ex calculo nostro vetere et regnorum supremi Domini nostri Jacobi Dei gratia Magnæ Britanniæ

Franciæ et Hiberniæ Regis, fideique defensoris, annis quinquagesimo sexto et vigesimo primo respective.")

[Signed]

"David [Lindsay] Ep. Brech.
Jacob Lindsay? Ballivus.
Joannes Morns e consiliis.
[ ] e consiliis.
David Naas consiliarius.
Joannes Stynor e consiliis.
Crafurd G— de Edzell.
Alexander Strachane of Brighton.
Ramsay de Dalhousie.
Georg Ramsay of Bamff.
Alexander Ramsay of Arbobie (Arbikie).
J. Ramsay of Ogill.
Patricius Lyndesay Officialis Brech.
Thomas Liddell Ballivus.
Mgr Thomas Ramsay.
David Liddell thesar.
Gulielmus Lyonn cons.
Thomas Annand of Persie.
William Hail (Rait) of [Halgrene].
Gilbertus Ramsay de Balmane.
Honred (Henry) Ramsay of Ardonid (Ardownie).
J. Ramsay de Belnabreche (Balnabreich)."

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DISPOSITION BY GEORGE, EARL OF CRAWFORD, to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff of the lands of Watersheall and Craighead: 26th November 1623. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

GEORGE, EARL OF CRAWFORD, sells and dispones to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and his heirs and assignees irredeemably, the towns and lands of Waterscheill and Craighead, with pertinents, lying in the barony and forest of Alicht, to be held from him and his successors of the Crown blench; with procuratory of resignation. The disposition is written by Master Walter Schewan, notary, and dated at Fynhevin, 26th November 1623; witnesses, Master John Lyndesay, minister at Abirlemno, David

Lyndesay, servitor to the Earl, and George Ramesay, servitor to the Laird of Bamff. [Signed] "G. Erll of Crafurd; Master Jo^{n}. Lindesay, witnes; George Ramsay, vitnes; David Lindesay, vitnes." "G. R. Bamffe" subscribes a marginal addition, that only the superiority is disponed.

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Obligation by George Ramsay, brother of Gilbert R. of Bamff, not to call for redemption of the lands of Mawes till 1630: 4th December 1623. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

By Contract dated 21st May 1622, Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff undertakes, for 6,500 merks, to infeft George Ramsay, his brother german, in the lands of Easter Mawis and town and lands of Hiltoun of Mawis, with pertinents, in the barony of Bamff by annexation, and sheriffdom of Perth, under two reversions, one of the lands of Eister Mawis for 3,500 merks, and the other of the lands of Hiltoun for 3,000 merks, to be redeemed by the said Gilbert whensoever he is required thereto after the lapse of seven years from Whitsunday 1620. Now "for certaine sowmes of monie, gratituidis and guid deidis payit and done" by the said Gilbert to him, the said George promises to make no requisition for the redemption of these lands before Whitsunday 1630. Dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 4th December 1623; witnesses, David Rattray of Craighall, Master John Rattray his brother, John Cargill of Haltoun of Rattray, and Patrick Robertson, notary. [Signed] "Georg Ramsay with my hand"; and by the witnesses.

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CONTRACT BETWEEN JOHN REID of Hatton of Crewchies and his wife and David Campbell, brother of Persie, for a wadset to Campbell of part of Hatton of Creuchies: 12th and 25th May 1627. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Dundee and Alyth, 12th and 25th May 1627, between John Reid of Haltoun of Crewquhie and Elizabeth Scrymgeour his spouse, on the one part, and David Campbell, brother german of Archibald C. of Persie, on the other part, whereby for 700 merks paid by Campbell to Reid the latter obliges himself to wadset and dispone to the said David Campbell, and cause him be infeft in, "all and haill that pairt and portionne of land of his landis of Haltoun of Crewquhie lyand on the eist syde of the merchis following, viz. Beginand at the south at the burne at that pairt thairof quhair ane knoking staine standis, and passand north thairfra be the west loyne dyk to the west nwik of the south gavell of the corne barne, and sua north thairfra be the west syde of the said barne to the north end thairof, and fra the north end of the said barne north as the west dyk of the corne yeard standis to the hie cairt get, and sua north be the said cairt get quhill it cum to the rod that passis fra Haltoun of Crewquhie to the Maines of Crewquhie, and sua north be the said rod to the landis of Maines of Crewquhie, extending to fourteine aikeris of infeild land or therby," with the whole pertinents, and the equal third part of the whole outfield land pertaining to the said lands of Haltoun, and the teindsheaves of the said infield land so disponed and third part outfield land, and the half of the mosses, muirs, commonties and pasturage belonging to the lands of Haltoun of Creuquhy; to be held blench of the grantor for 1*d.* Scots, the said David Campbell giving a letter of reversion to the said John Reid upon the premises. The said

John Reid obliges himself to remove from the houses and other subjects above disponed and enter Campbell to possession thereof at Whitsunday next, and from the arable and outfield land immediately after separation of this year's crop from the ground, under penalty of paying to the said David 20*s*. Scots "for the violent proffeitis of the said part and portionne of land houssis biggingis and utheris respective abouewrittin ilk day that the samyn or ony part thairof salbe deteinit fra the said David and his foirsaidis efter the termes and dyettis respective abouedesignit for thair removing thairfra"; and obliges himself to pay to the said David Campbell 50 merks in full satisfaction for all "fermes, maillis, and dewteis" that Campbell can claim of him in respect of the foresaid lands this present crop 1627, Campbell likewise undertaking to pay to Reid a similar sum at the first term of Martinmas after redemption in respect of the then current crop. Reid reserves and holds himself responsible for the vicarage teinds, which are payable to the minister of Blairgowrie. "Attour it is aggreit upone be consent of bayth the saidis parteis that it salbe lesum to the said Johne Reid and his foirsaidis thair tennentis and occupearis of the remanent of the saidis landis of Haltoun of Crewquhie to loyne[1] thair bestiall and guidis throw the loyne that gangis to the muiris lyand on the south syde of the said Haltoun comprehendit within the merchis abouespecifeit," and that it shall be lawful to either the said David or John "to give licence and tollerance to ony persone or persones to cast peittis in the haill mossis perteining to the saidis landis of Haltoun of Crewquhie or ony of thame, as also to give licencis to the saidis persones that castis peittis in the saidis mosses to cast turvis and pull hedder in the muiris pertenyng to the saidis landis, yeirly and ilk yeir during the non redemptioun" . . . "for yeirly payment of sic dewty as the saidis persones have beine in use to pay for siclyk licence of befoir; and that the haill

[1] To 'lane', i. e. lead along a loyne or lane.

dewty and commoditie that salbe acquyrit for the saidis haill mossis and muiris ony tyme heireftir during the spaice foirsaid salbe equally pairtit and dewydit betuix the saidis Johne Reid and David Campbell and thair foirsaidis, and for that effect ather of the saidis Johne and David bindis and obleissis thame and thair foirsaidis to mak just compt and raknyng to utheris yeirly of all dewty and commoditie that ather of thame sall ressave for the saidis mosses and muiris, sua that the samyn may be equally partit and dewydit betuix thame in maner foirsaid. And siclyk it is aggreit upone with consent of baith the saidis parteis that the said Johne Reid and his foirsaidis salhave the use of the abouespecifeit corne barne for halding and labouring of his cornes quhill the said terme of Mairtimes nixttocum, lykas the said David and his foirsaidis salhave the use of the said barne for halding and labouring of his cornes quhill the terme of Mairtimes nixt efter the redemptioun of the abouenominat part and portioun of land and utheris foirsaidis fra thame. And in lykmaner the said Johne Reid be thir presentis bindis and obleissis him and his foirsaidis befoir the said terme of Mairtimes nixttocum to caber (beam, cover with rafters), wattell and theik with thak and divottis the hall biggit be him upone the saidis landis of Haltoun of Crewquhy and comprehendit within the merchis abouespecifeit, as also to give and furneis tymmer to the said David Campbell and his foirsaidis for beiting, mending and repairing of the remanent housses and biggingis abouewritin wodset to thame, yeirly during the non redemptioun thairof; lykeas the said David Campbell be the tenour heirof bindis and obleissis him and his foirsaidis to mak all and sindrie the saidis houses and biggingis als guid and sufficient the tyme of his removing thairfra as the samin salbe estimat and prysit the tyme of his entrie to the possessionne thairof be tua neutrall men to be choisine be ather of the saidis pairteis for that effect. And lykwayes the said David Campbell bindis and obleissis him

and his foirsaidis nocht to cut nor destroy ony of the planting or growand treis pertenyng to the saidis landis of Haltoun of Crewquhy ony tyme heireftir." Witnesses to the contract are, Patrick Campbell of Kathik, John Campbell his son, James Stanneris in Dundee, James Reid in Rattray, David Ramsay in Alyth, George Gortie there, George Cousland there, and Thomas Huntar, lawful son of the deceased Alexander Huntar in Balharrie. [Signed] "J. Reid w^{t}. my hand; D. Campbell with my hand"; Elizabeth Scrymgeour signs touching the pen of Patrick Robertsone and James Forrester, notaries; and then follow the signatures of the witnesses.

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CHARTER BY REID to Campbell of part of the Hatton of Creuchies: 25th May 1627. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by John Reid of Haltoun of Crewquhie to David Campbell foresaid of part of the Haltoun, in terms of the foregoing contract. Dated at Alyth, 25th May 1627; witnesses, David Ramsay in Alyth, George Gortie there, George Cousland there, Thomas Hunter, son of Alex. H. in Balharrie. (Signatures.)

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SASINE following thereupon: 25th May 1627. (Latin) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 25th May 1627, of David Campbell foresaid in part of the Haltoun of Creuquhy, in terms of above charter. Alexander Hereis, portioner of Weltoun of Creuquhy, gives infeftment to him, on the ground of the lands about 4 p.m., in presence of John Diksone, elder, in Weltoun of Crewquhie, John Diksone, younger, his son, there, John Cumyng there, and John Jak there. Patrick Robertsone is notary.

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REVERSION BY DAVID CAMPBELL of the said lands: 25th May 1627. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

LETTER of Reversion by David Campbell foresaid, in favour of John Reid respecting the said piece of the lands of Haltoun of Creuquhy; in terms of Contract No. 184 *supra.* To be operative only after three years have elapsed. Dated at Alyth, 25th May 1627; witnesses as in No. 185, with addition of James Forrester and Patrick Robertson, notaries. (Signatures.)

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CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between David Ogilvy and Helen Ramsay, dau. of Gilbert R. of Bamff: 20th and 26th October 1627. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Alicht 20th October and at Bamff 26th October 1627, between James Ogilvy of Newtoune in Glenyla and David Ogilvy, his eldest lawful son and apparent heir, on the one part, and Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, and Helen Ramsay, his lawful daughter, on the other part, for the marriage of the said David and Helen between that date and 1st December then next. In consideration of this, the said James Ogilvie undertakes to infeft the said Helen Ramsay in her pure virginity in life-rent in the lands and Mylntoun of Frewchy lying on the west side of the burn of Newtoune of Belletie, and in the corn-mill of Frewchy "with the astricht multouris toftis croftis deweteis and service pertenyng to the said myln and possessouris thairof", and in the sixth part lands of Pitlochrie called the Smyddie lands, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Glenyla and sheriffdom of Forfar; also to infeft the said David Ogilvy, his son, and the heirs male lawfully to be procreated between him and the said Helen Ramsay, whom failing, the heirs male and assignees

whomsoever of the said David, heritably and irredeemably, in the lands of Newtoune of Belletie, lands of Frewchy and pendicles thereof called Tulloch and Sturt, the said mill and Millton of Frewchy, multures, etc., and the said sixth part lands of Pitlochrie called the Smyddie lands; reserving "lyfrent of all and haill the quarter or fourt pairt of the saidis landis of Frewchie presentlie be Robert Clerk occupeit, as also the quarter or fourt pairt of the said pendickle of land of Frewchy callit Sturt with the pertinentis, to the said Robert Clerk during all the dayes of his lyftyme allanerlie; as also exceptand and reserwand lyfrent of all and haill the saidis landis of Newtoune, the saidis landis of Mylntone and mylne of Frewchie and sext pairt landis of Pitlochrie, with the pertinentis, to the said James Ogilvy during all the dayes of his lyftyme onlie; and siklyk exceptand and reserwand lyfrent of all and haill the saidis landis of Frewchy and pendickles thairof callit Tulloch and Sturt to Margret Ogilvy, spous to the said James Ogilvy, efter the deceis of the said James hir husband, for all the dayes of hir lyftyme allanerlie." If David die before his father, the latter will renounce and overgive in favour of the said Helen his life-rent of Milnton of Frewchy and the mill and the sixth part of Pitlochrie, and enter himself to possession of the lands of Frewchy and pendicles of Tulloch and Sturt; if Helen Ramsay, so widowed, predecease the said James, the latter is to renounce and overgive his lands of Frewchie and pendicles foresaid in favour of the said David's heirs male and assignees, and to receive himself the Milnton and mill of Frewchie and sixth part of Pitlochrie. Thomas Ogilvy of Persy, John Ogilvy of Gaillor, William Farcharson of Craiginetie, and David Ogilvy of Bellety, are cautioners for the said James Ogilvy to make up his titles and perform the conditions foresaid. James Ogilvy also assigns to the said David and Helen "the meilis (mails money) caines and service" due by the tenants of three-quarters of the lands of Frewchie, the whole pendicle called Tulloch,

three-quarters of the pendicle called Sturt, and £80 Scots, "four pultrie foullis and tua tame geise" astricted to be paid by John Rodger, James Moyll and John Wobster, for that part of the lands of Mylnton presently occupied by them, and that for the term of Martinmas next. He sets in tack to the said David and Helen (during the lifetime of the said Robert Clerk only) that part of the lands of Mylnton of Freuquhie presently occupied by John Rodger, James Moyll and James Wobster, for yearly payment of 12*d.* Scots at Whitsunday if asked, the said land being guaranteed worth £80 yearly, 4 poultry and 2 tame geese. Also he sets in tack to the said Helen Ramsay the teinds, parsonage and vicarage, of the Milnton of Frewchie and sixth part of Pitlochrie, for certain payment. He also assigns to David and his heirs male a tack dated at the Abbey of Coupar, 10th May 1590, by the deceased Leonard, commendator of Coupar, and convent thereof, "undoubtit persones and vicaris of the paroche kirk of Glenyla pertenyng to the Abbay of Coupar," to the said James Ogilvy and his heirs and assignees, of the teinds and emoluments of the lands of Newtoun of Belletie, Frewchie, Mylnton and mill thereof, with pertinents, then occupied by John Ogilvy, father of the said James, and his subtenants, for 19 years after the expiry of another tack made to the said deceased John Ogilvy during life and to his heirs for two successive terms of 19 years; the said David paying for the said teinds to the Lords of Coupar £12 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly, viz. £9 for the teind sheaves and £3 6*s.* 8*d.* for the vicarage teinds. "And immediatlie efter the compleiting of the said mariage betuix the saidis David Ogilvy and Helen Ramsay, the said James Ogilvy bindis and obleissis him to accept and ressave in houshald with him the saidis David his sone and Helene his futur spouse, treat susteine and interteine thame and the bearnes to be procreat betuix thame thairintill in meitt, claith, bed, buird, and all utheris necessaris effeiring to thair estait, ay and quhill the terme of

Mertimes in the yeir of God j^{m} sex hundreth tuentie aucht yeiris, and give it salhappine the saidis James, David his sone, and Helene, nocht to agrie cheritablie togidder in houshald during the said spaice, thane and in that caise the said James Ogilvy bindis and obleissis him and his foirsaidis to content and pay to the saidis David his sone and Helene his futur spous the sowme of tua hundreth merkis money foirsaid at thair removeing furth of houshald fra the said James to ane uther duelling, and that to be in contentatione of thair intertinement; and siklyke the said James Ogilvy bindis and obleissis him and his foirsaidis befoir the said terme of Witsonday in the foirsaid yeir of God j^{m} sex hundreth tuentie aucht yeiris to give and delyver to the saidis David his sone, Helene his futur spous, and thair foirsaidis, the sowme of tua hundreth merkis money foirsaid in pennie and pennieworth, and the samyne pennieworthe to be sichtit and prysit be the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and Alexander Campbell of Crunane, quha ar electit and choisine judges and pryseris for that effect be ane mutuall consent of the saidis James and David his sone." And because the succession is only to heirs male, the said David provides as follows for female issue of the marriage, viz. to pay to the daughter, if only one, 4,000 merks, and if two or more, 5,000 merks equally among them, at their age of 14; maintaining and educating them till they reach that age. On his part, Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff undertakes to pay to the said James Ogilvy " in name of tocher with the said Helene Ramsay his dochter " the sum of 3,500 merks, viz. 3,000 merks before Martinmas 1627 and 500 merks before Whitsunday 1628; which sum the said Helen accepts in full satisfaction of all goods, bairn's part or portion natural " quhilk sall fall and perteine to hir throw deceis of the said Gilbert hir father and Isobell Ogilvy hir mother ". If the said Helen die within three years after the marriage, and have no surviving children, the said David Ogilvy and his heirs are to repay the

tocher. If James Ogilvy die before making up his titles as aforesaid, David is to obtain himself retoured to the said deceased John Ogilvy his "guidschir" in the foresaid subjects, and that within a year after his father's death, and thereafter to ratify the life-rent provisions therein contained. The penalty for breach of this contract is 500 merks. The deed is written by John Cargill, notary, and witnesses are James Crichton of Ruthwenis, James Blair of Ardblair, Master John Lindsay of Kinloche, Master Thomas Lundie, minister of Alyth, Master George Halyburton, minister of Glenyla. [Signed] "James Ogilvy of Neutoun; David Ogilvy; Thomas Ogilvy, ca^{r} (cautioner, security); William Farcharsoune, ca^{r}; Jhone Ogilvy, ca^{r}; David Ogilvy, cau^{r}; G. R. Bamffe; Helene Ramsay, by aid of John Cargill and Patrick Rattray, notaries, because she cannot write"; and by the witnesses.

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SASINE OF JAMES ANNAND and Elizabeth Ramsay, his wife, in the lands of Easter Persie and others: 2nd November 1627.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 2nd November 1627, given to James Annand, son and apparent heir of Thomas Annand of Persie, for himself, and to George Ramsay in Mylntoun of Foyell as attorney for Elizabeth Ramsay, lawful daughter of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, and future wife of the said James Annand, on a charter by the said Thomas Annand, with consent of Catherine Gray, his spouse, to the said James and Elizabeth, and their heirs male, whom failing, the heirs male of the said James, irredeemably, of the lands of Eister Persie, Mur Persie, lands of Ase, mill and mill-lands of Persie, teind sheaves and manor-place of Persie, with all pertinents, lying in the barony of Kingoldrum, regality of Aberbrothok, and sheriffdom of Forfar, and this in

satisfaction of all tierce that the said Elizabeth might claim by the death of the said James Annand. The charter is dated at the Nether Kirk of Airlie, 21st September, and at Auchinlucie, 2nd November, 1627; witnesses, James Blair of Ardblair, George Lammie of Dunkenie, Master Thomas Lyon, fiar of Cossins, George Lyon in Balmukkatie, and John Cargill, notary. George Annand, brother german of the said Thomas, gives sasine, on the ground of the respective lands about 3 p.m., in presence of Thomas Annand, lawful son of the said Thomas, James Sanderis, servitor to the said James Annand, and Walter Steill, servitor John Cargill, the notary.

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Obligation by Thomas Annand of Persie to accept from Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff an assignation to certain sums in respect of tocher: 5th December 1628. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Thomas Annand of Pearsie obliges himself, in the event of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff assigning to him a bond by George Lambie of Dunkany and John Lambie his son and their cautioners to the said Gilbert for 1,210 merks, dated 24th November 1628, to accept the same in full satisfaction of 1,100 merks "off the summes that the said Gilbert Ramsay restis awand to me be virtue off the matrimoniall contract maid betuix James Annand, my eldest laufull sone, and Elesabeth Ramsay his spouse, dochter to the said Gilbert". Dated at Keremuir, 5th December 1628; witnesses, George Lambie of Dunkany, David Lyon of Balgillie, Master Walter Schewan, notary, and Master William Schewan his son. (Signatures.)

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CHARTER BY JOHN REID of Hatton of Creuchies to William Fethie of same lands: 25th and 29th August 1629.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by John Reid of Haltoun of Creuquhie, with consent of Elizabeth Scrymgeour his wife, to William Fethie, servitor to James, Lord Ogilvie of Airlie, selling and disponing to him and his heirs and assignees, irredeemably, the town and lands of Haltoun of Crewquhy, with pertinents, holding blench of the grantor for 1*d.* Scots yearly; and that in terms of obligation of this date. Dated at Easter Rattray and "Molam" of Fairdill, 25th and 29th August 1629; witnesses, Master William Moncur in Scrogyhill, Robert Moncur his brother, Andrew Fethie in Gormok, James Reid in Mains of Rattray, William Flowrie and Andrew Alschoundour, servitors to John Reid. [Signed] "J. Reid w^{t} my hand"; and by the witnesses. Elizabeth Scrimgeour signs by the aid of James Forrester and Alexander Allane, notaries.

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DUPLICATE CHARTER by same to same, holding of the superior.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by same to same, of the lands foresaid, to be held of the abbot and convent of Scone and their successors for yearly payment of £5 0*s.* 10*d.* thus, £4 16*s.* 8*d.* and 4 bolls of oats to the abbot or commendator, and 4*s.* 2*d.* of pittance silver to the convent, with other services as of old rendered. Same dates, witnesses, and signatures.

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Sasine following thereupon: 5th September 1629.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 5th September 1629, of the said William Fethie in the lands of Haltoun of Creuquhie, in terms of the foregoing charters. Robert Fyff in Alyth gives infeftment to him, upon the ground of the lands about 4 p.m.; witnesses, James Reid in Mains of Rattray, Andrew Fethie in Gormok, Ronald Moncur in Haltoun of Creuquhie, and John Burne in Mains of Creuquhie. James Forrester is notary.

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Sasine of Sir George Ogilvie of Banff in the lands of Hatton of Creuchies: 20th October 1629. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 20th October 1629, given to Robert Fyff in Alyth as attorney for Sir George Ogilvie of Banff, knight baronet, on a charter by William Fethie, servitor to Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, to the said Sir George Ogilvie, and his heirs and assignees, irredeemably, of the town and lands of Haltoun of Crewquhy, with pertinents, dated at Banff, 10th September 1629; witnesses, Master James Kennydye, lawful son of the deceased John Kennydye, burgess of Banff, Patrick Stewart and Alexander Duffus, servitors to Sir George, and James Wynchester, notary. John Sowter in Alyth gives infeftment to the said attorney, on the ground of the lands about 10 a.m., in presence of George Hering in Vester Quhitsyd (Wester Whiteside), John Steill, elder, in Vestquarter of Alicht, John Cumyng in Weltoun of Crewquhy, and William Ker there. William Broun in Pitnacrie gives infeftment as bailie, upon the ground of the lands about 8 a.m.; witnesses, Alexander Alschoundour in Alyth, George Hering in Vester Quhytsyd, John Diksone, elder in Weltoun of Crewquhy, and William Ker there. James Forrester is notary.

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INVENTORY OF EFFECTS belonging to Master Samuel Ramsay, minister at Montrose: 1st April 1630. *Paper.*

"THE Inventar of the insicht and plenisching belangin to Master Samuell Ramsay, minister at Montrose, giwen up be himselff upon the first day of Apryll j^{m} vj^{c} and thrette yeirs as efter followes, wrettin be me Jhone Jamesone, notar, and subscrywit be the sade Master Samuell his awin hand.

"*Imprimis*, standing in the Hall quher the said Master Samuell dwells, ane hall burd of wynscott with the brander (trestle) of aik and ane aiken furme the lenght of the burd and abowt the board, ten serwing cussingis hinging be the wall for decorment of the boord; twa great tables (pictures?) wrocht weill in Holland, the ane of the historie of Abrahame feasting the angells, the uther of the historie of Isaak and Jacob; ane uther table gilt, thrie great brods, threttein stanes of marble (some game?), ane taffill of aik of drawing leaffis, ane round taffill of waynscot lockit, twa aiken chairs with armes and ane buffett stooll, ane meat ambrie of thrie degries (shelves), ane close bed of aik, fowr Flanders chaires, ane bowat (lantern) and ane mortar and the pestoll of brass; ane chinney (grate?) of yron with standing raxes (racks), and ane Flanders back (Dutch oven?); of pewter weschell presentlie serwing the houss, ten plaits (plates) and ten trunchers, twa sasters (dishes, ashets?), of uther plaits nyne, with twa basines, the haill weying fowrtie fywe pund wecht; fowr chandlers (candlesticks) of brass weying ten pund wecht, and ane uther chandler of tyne with ane pair of candle sheirs (snuffers); mair of tyne unveighit, ane quart stoup, twa pynt stowps, ane chopin stowp, ane mutchine and ane halff mutchin stoup;[1] thrie salt fatts (salt-cellars), twa therof of tyne and the uther owergilt; twa cup glasses of christall, twa uther drinking

[1] Below p. 224.

glasses, thrie beir glasses, elewin glassin flakots (glazed flagons ?), twa Holland cans with thair lids, sewin drinking caps.

" *Item*, in the foirstair, standing ane meikle kist with cloaths, lockit, thrie gowns, twa joups, auchteine down cods (pillows), ane pair of hardine (coarse linen) sheits, in the bothome. *Item*, in the chamber, ane press of twa housses, therin thrie pair of hardin sheits, thrie brotlets (?), twentie four serwits, twa hand towells, twa drinking towells. Mair standing in the chamber ane boord of aik, ane lang saddell, ane coffer cowered with lader (leather), ane candle kist, thrie water pots of tyne, thrie feather beds. *Item*, ane aiken bed in the upper chamber, with ane litie camp, ane firren boord. *Item*, ane woll qwheill (spinning wheel) and ane pair of cairds, ane firren furme and ane stand in the wardrop. *Item*, in the wardrop sex halff daills (deals). *Item*, in the wardrop thrie stand of curtains, ane of grein camblet, ane uther of grein linen and woluen, and the thrid of Spanish work; thrie pands (vallances), ane uther stand of curtains abowt the ministers band; mair fywe cods and twa (? thrie) bowsters, twa grein boord claths, ane for the hall boord and the uther for the chamber boord. *Item*, ane Danskyne kist in the nether chamber, thairincontenit sex ellis of brottelling; *item* of small lining fowr ells and of greater lining fywe ells and ane halff; *item* of lining scheits fywe pair; mair sex lining brotlets, and ane of damas dirnik (diaper-damask); twelff codwars; twa webbe of lining, ane of sarking (shirting) and ane uther smaller for scheitts, ewerie ane of the webe twentie fywe ells; *item* thrie pair of heidscheits, thrie lining brotlets, sewin long towells, sewin dusone of lining serwits; *item* of plaine scheits thrie pair; *item* of plankets and bed plaidis, by the serwants beds, sewintein pair; *item* fowr cowerings, thairof twa sewed cowerings and twa weyen. *Item*, standing in the kitchin ane pantrie (press), and gantries (barrel-stands) within it, with the maskin fatt, thrie lying barrells, ane standing bowie (washing tub), twa stands, with the rest of the brewing looms (utensils). *Item*, thrie washing skeills (shallow tubs); mair twa pair of raxes (racks) and thrie

spits; thrie pans of brass, therof ane of sex pynts, ane uther of fywe chopins, the uther thrie mutchkins.[1] *Item*, ane butter bowie (tub) and ane mutton bowie, twa beiff toobs, ane backin boord with ane girnell (meal-chest) standing in the sellar; mair thair thrie meall tubs, sewin seks, and twa canvosses. Mair standing in the forsellar, thrie dors, twa therof of aike and ane of fir. *Item*, ane mustard . . . p . *Item*, thrie Norowa hams hinging in the hall; sewin silver spoons; ane cup of silver gilt." [Signed]

"M. Samuel Ramsay with my hand.

"Jo. Jamesone, noter, wretter heiroff, witnes."

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DUPLICATE of above, imperfect and most inaccurate. *Paper.*

WHAT purports to be an Inventory as above, but incomplete and most inaccurate, while the spelling is wretched. Unsigned.

On the back of this, in a better hand, is the following:

"Inwentar of Georg Ramsay his biging. First, an pleneschit coupel with thrie pans and tuo ruiffis;[2] mair ane broken pan. *Item*, ane doore with irone stapils, tuo pair of doorre cheiks with four cleiks,[3] tuo bands, all of irone, pryce thairoff tuenty schilings. *Item*, ane window with thrie leaves, four stainchouns of yrone, pryce theroff an merk. All this in the dueling house."

"*Item*, in the byre, an pleneschit coupell with singell pans and ruiff. *Item*, an doore with dorre cheiks, cleiks and bands, pryce theroff tuelff schilings."

"*Item*, in the barne, tuo doors with doore cheiks, with cleiks, bands and staipils, with ane locke and key, pryce theroff V (?) merkis. *Item*, ten pans (planks ?) with fiftie tuo keabers (posts, rafters), with ane coupell with tuo knit taill posts."[4]

[1] I understand that the chopin was six gills, and the mutchkin four gills.

[2] This would seem to be the whole roof of the Manse, rafters, wall-plates, and roof-trees; and so of the byre. There would be no lining or sarking, and the thatch would not be worth mentioning.

[3] Two pairs of door posts with latches.

[4] Tie-beams.

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Sasine of James, Lord Ogilvie of Airlie, and James, Master of Ogilvie, in the lands of Hatton of Creuchies: 3rd October 1630.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 3rd October 1630, given to Robert Fyff in Alyth as attorney for James, Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, and James, Master of Ogilvy, his eldest lawful son and apparent heir, on a charter by Sir George Ogilvie of Banff, baronet, with consent of William Fethie in Clintlay, to the said Lord Ogilvy in life-rent and the Master of Ogilvy and his heirs and assignees in fee, of the town and lands of Haltoun of Crewquhy, with pertinents, in the parish of Blairgowrie. The charter was dated at Edinburgh and Cortoquhy, 25th and 28th September 1630; witnesses, Sir John Ogilvy of Crags, knight, John Ogilvy of Birnis, Master James Baird, advocate, and John Baird, W.S., whose servitor, James Irving, writes the deed.

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Discharge by Master Thomas Lundie, Minister of Alyth, to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff for stipend: 28th December 1630.
Paper.

"I, Master Thomas Lundie, minister of Alyth, grantis me to hawe resavet from Gilbert Ramsay nyne bols wictuall assignet to me in pairt of my stipend of the crop j^{m} sex hunderethe and [twenty ?] nyne yeiris, and siklyke feftie sex markis for his wicarage of the landis of the barony of Bamff, Auchteralyth and Ardorrmie and Waterscheall, of crope sex hunderthe and thrittie yeirs, and all wther yeirs preceiding them, I grant me weill satisfiet, and dischargis the Gilbert Ramsay of Bamffe be this my acquittans

wrettien and subscryvet with my hand at Alyth the tuentie aucht of December j^{m} sex hunderethe and thrittie yeirs. [Signed] M. Thomas Lundie, minister at Alyth."

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WADSET BY GILBERT RAMSAY of Bamff to Thomas Makkie in Little Bamff, and his wife and sons, of part of Little Bamff: 7th January 1631. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Bamff, 7th January 1631, between Gilbert Ramsay of Bamffe, on the one part, and Thomas Makkie in Litill-bamff, Janet Makandro his spouse, William and Thomas, their lawful sons, on the other part, whereby for 750 merks now paid by them to him the said Gilbert dispones to the said Thomas and his spouse in life-rent, and to the said William and Thomas, their sons, heritably, the shadow half of the east third part toun and lands of Lytill Banff, with the shadow half of the houses and pertinents thereto belonging, lying in the barony of Bamff; to be held blench of the grantor for 1*d.* Scots. The said Gilbert also sets in tack to them the teind sheaves of the said subjects for a year and crop after their entry at Lammas next, and so from year to year during the non-redemption, for payment of 2*d.* yearly at Lammas if asked. A letter of reversion is to be made in favour of the grantor of the lands, for their redemption at any term after five years have first elapsed. The victual is to be brought to the mill of Foyell to be ground. Witnesses are, Thomas Lundie, lawful son of Master Thomas Lundie, minister at Alyth, Master James Strachoun, burgess of Dundie, George Ramsay in Mylntoun of Foyell, and Alexander Forrester, writer hereof, son of James Forrester, notary. [Signed] "G. R. Bamffe"; James Forrester and Patrick Rattray, notaries, sign for the other parties; and the witnesses sign by themselves.

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TESTAMENT OF MASTER SAMUEL RAMSAY, minister at Montrose; confirmed 23rd April 1632. *Paper.*

"THE Testament testamentar, latter will and legacie, and Inventar, of the guidis, geir, soumes of monie and debtis perteninge to umquhill Master Samuall Ramsay, minister at Montrose, the tyme of his deceis, quha deceissit in the monethe of Apryill 1631 yeirs, faythfullie maid and giffyn upe be his awin mouthe upone the nynt day of Merche 1631 yeirs, in presens of Master Alexander Ramsey, sone to David Ramsey of Balmaine, Johne Wod, Andro Duncan, merchantis burgessis of Montrose, George Ramsay, servitor to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, and Robert Mylne, notar, and David Ogstoun, merchant burges of the said burgh, tuiching the inventar of his particular guidis geir and debtis perteninge and restand awand to him, nominatioun of his executouris and tutors testamentars, and dispositioun of his guidis, geir and debtis, as is particularlie eftermentionat, and pairtlie faythfullie maid and giffin upe be Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, ane of the lauchfull tutours testamentars efterspecifeit nominat be the said defunct, to Johne Ramsay his neway and executor testamentar undervreittin, as haveand best knawlege thairof, in name and behalff of the said Johne Ramsay, executor testamentar nominat be the said defunct in his letter will efterspecifeit, of the valour, quantite and pryces followinge :—

Item, giffin upe be the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, ane of the tutors testamentars forsaid, in name of the said executor testamentar, that the said defunct haid perteninge to him the tyme of his deceis forsaid the insicht and plenissinge of his hous, by the airschip (*say*, of moveables), estimat to the soume of tua hunderethe marks monie. *Item*, the said defunct confessit at the makin of his said testament that he haid lyand besyid him fywe

hunderethe marks monie quhilk he haid in his awin lyftyme disponit upone, as his declaratioun thairoff efterspecifeit subscryvit with his hand atlenthe beirs. And quhilk insicht and plenissinge is referrit to ane inventar maid thairupone subscrivit with the defuncts hand.

Summa of the Inventar—j^{c}. xxxiij lib. vj s. viij d.

Follows the debtis awand to the deid :—

Item, he declarit that thair was restand awand to him be Johne Erskyne, merchant burges of Montrose, ij^{c}. lxvj lib. xiij s. iiij d. monie, conforme to his band and obligatioun. *Item*, be William Ouchterlony of Newbigin j^{c}. xxxiij lib. vj s. viij d. conforme to his letters obligatours. *Item*, be the said Johne Erskyne for beir j^{c}. xxxiij lib. vj s. viij d. *Item*, restand awand be Hercules Tailyour, burges of Montrose, auchtein bolls meill, quhilk the defunct estimat to j^{c}. xxxiij lib. 6 s. 8 d. *Item*, be Johne Ouchterlony, factor to the Bischop of Brechin (David Lindsay), xl lib. monie as ane pairt of his stipend. *Item*, be Thomas Blewhous in Foules (Fords ?) of Dwne tua part of ane boll quhyt, vj lib. xiij s. iiij d. *Item*, be Thomas Hill thair ane boll quhyt (wheat) pryce x lib. *Item*, he declarit that thair restis awand to him his haill stipend of the cropt and yeir of God j^{m}. sex hunderethe threttie ane yeiris, quhilk fallis and pertenis to him as annat,[1] to wit, restand be the personis addebtit in use of payment thairof extendin in haill to four chalderis threitten bollis halff boll meill, pryce of the boll iiij lib. xiij s. iiij d. *inde* iij^{c}. lxj lib. xiij s. iiij d., and tuentie four bollis beir, pryce of the boll v lib. vj s. viij d. *inde* j^{c}. xxviij lib., and thrie bolls tua part boll quhyt, pryce of the boll x lib. *inde* xxxvj lib. xiij s. iiij d., togidder with the sowme off lxvj lib. xiij s. iiij d. of silver dewetie.

Summa of the debtis awand to the deid . . . j^{m}. iij^{c}. xvj lib. and vj s. viij d.

[1] Stipend for half year after death of incumbent due to his heirs. (Latin *annata*.)

Summa of the Inventar and debtis . . . j^{m}. iiij^{c}. xlix lib. xiij s. iiij d.

Na debtis awand be the deid.

Quhilk remains without divisioun.

Follows the deids legacie :—

In the first, I the said Master Samuall acknawleginge that thair be nathinge mair certane then deythe, and the tyme and hour tharof maist incertane, and findinge my selff seik in bodie bot haill in mynd and spreit, praisit be God, I commit my saull to God my Creator, and my bodie to be decentlie buried in the bureall of my awin flock and congregatioun in Montrose besyid my awin vyiff and children. I leiff to Master Andro Collace, minister at Eglisgreige, my haill buikis with my best gowne. I leiff to the poor fourtie pundis monie, be the advyis of the nixt minister of Montrose and the said Master Andro Collace. I lewe for the intertenment of Johne Ramsay, my newoy, and Margaret Fyiff his mother, fra Witsonday nixt to Witsonday j^{m}. vj^{c}. threittie tua yeirs, the haill insicht and plenissinge of my hous, and fra Witsonday j^{m}. vj^{c}. threittie tua yeirs tua hunderethe markis monie yerlie, prowydin the said Margaret contenew unmareit and fre of all skandeill, and giff scho marie or yit beis not fre of skandell scho sall have onlie fourtie pundis yerlie *ad vitam.* Forder I will and declaris be thir presentis that the equall halff of the said annat sall pertein and belonge be this my said legace to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, and the uther halff of the said annet with the rest of my moneyis and debtis befoir specifeit I lewe to the said Johne Ramsay my newoy. *Item,* I will and declaris be thir presentis that quhat moneyis I have ather heretable or moveable sall be wairit upone guid and suficient securetie in the schirefdome of Mernis or Eist Newk of Anguis alenerlie. Forder I mack and constitutis the said Johne Ramsay my newoy my onlie executor and intromittor with my haill guidis and geir, sowmes of monie restand awand to me, and be

the tennor heirof nominatis Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, David Ramsay of Balmaine, Sir Gilbert Ramsay fear of Balmaine, and Master Andro Collace, minister at Eglisgreige, or ony thrie of thame tutoris testamentaris to the said Johne Ramsay my newoy, quha sall have a speciall care of the educatioun of the said Johne, and quha sall sie quhat heretable moneyis belangis to the said Johne, or moveablis gatherit in vairit (invested) and disposed to his veill and utilite onlie. *Item*, I will and declaris that the said Johne Ramsay beinge cum to the aige of fourtein yeris compleit mack choise of his awin curatours, as neid beis, be quhais sicht and advyis he may dispois upone his awin adois (a-dos, doings). Lykas it is particularlie prowydit be thir presentis that quhairas thrie of the saidis tutours hes libertie to dispois for the weill of the said pupill, that the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff salbe alwayis ane of the said thrie, and that ony of the said four beinge thryis lauchfullie requyrit be the uther thrie, or ony tua of thame, to convein with thame for the adois of the said pupill, and giff he failyie thairin to convein with the rest, than and in that caice he sall lose his said richt of tutore. *Item*, he lewis to Issobell Ramsay, relict of umquhill Robert Alexander in Galrae, his sister, all and heall tuentie merks monie to be payit be his executor yerlie to hir at tua terms in the yeir, Witsonday and Mertimes, begingand the first terms payment at Witsonday nixt, and sua furthe yerlie and termlie durin all the dyis of hir lyftyme alenerlie, and that to be pyit be his said executour, be advyis of his said tutoris, upone the sicht of the minister his testificate quhair scho residis for the tyme that scho is alywe: day, yeir, place and witnesses respective befoirspecifeit. *Sic subscribitur*, M. Samuall Ramsay with my hand; Johne Wod, witnes; David Ogston, witness; Andro Duncan, witnes; Robert Mylne, noter, wreitter heirof, testifeis; George Ramsay, witnes. *Item*, It is to be remembrit that I have giffin upe in the Inventar of my testament that I haid lyand besyid me fyve hunderethe marks and sum other moneyis that

I haid in my awin tyme disponit tharupone, and tharfoir my said executor or ony intromittors can not be comptable thairfoir, quhilk I testifie to be of veretie be thir presentis subscrivit with my hand, at Montrose the xxix day of Marche j^{m}. vj^{c}. threitte ane, befoir thir witnesses, David Ramsay of Balmaine, Master Andro Collace, minister at Egilsgreige, Johne Wod, merchant burges of Montrose, and Robert Mylne, noter."

Sic subscribitur, M. Samuall Ramsay; David Ramsay, witnes; Master Andro Collace, witness; Johne Wod, witnes; Robert Mylne, noter, testifeis.

"I, Master Patrik Lyndesay, Commissar of Brechin, deput to the confirmatioun of testamentis within the dyoce of Brechin be ane reverend father in God, David (Lindsay), Bischop of Brechin, be thir presents ratifeis approvis and confermis this present inventar and testament testamentar of the guidis geir and debtis abouwreittin, togidder with the said Johne Ramsay executor testamentar forsaid, in sa far as the samin is lealalie and trewlie maid and giffin upe and no uthervayis, and be thir presents giffis grantis and commitis full power to the said executor testamentar forsaid to ask crawe resave intromet with and uptak the haill guidis geir and debtis forsaids, and giff neid beis to call [and] persew tharfoir as acordis of law, prowydin that the said executor mak just compt and rakninge thairof to all parteis haveand entres thairto as law will; lykas George Ramsay at the Mylne of Foyall within the parochin of Alytht be his band is becum cautioner to that effect; and the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, tutor forsaid, as haveand best knawlege, hes maid faythe. In witness quhairof to thir presents subscrivit be my clark of court my seall of office is affixt, at Brechin the tuentie thrie day off Apryill 1632. [Signed] M. Thomas Ramsay."

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(Extract) Decreet of Valuation of the Teinds of Couttie: 6th July 1632. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

"At Holyrudhous the sext day July j^{m}. vj^{c}. and therttie tua yeiris, The whilk day anent our soverane Lordis letters direct be the Commissioners for Surrenders and Teyndis againes the titulars of the teyndis, and heritors of the lands within the paroche of Bendochie, [the] minister at the kirk thairof, parochiners and all uthers whome the valuatioun of the lands lyand within the said paroche led and deduced befor the subcommissioners of the presbetrie of Megill concerned, for thair compeirance befoir the saids Commissioners, to haif hard and seine the said valuatioun allowed, approvin, his Majesties annuitie setled and cloised, the said kirk planted, and the heritores resolved what course to tak anent thair teyndis," with certification, etc. James, Lord Couper, titular of the teinds of the lands underwritten lying within the said parish, compearing personally, and Patrick Ogilvie of Bendochie, heritor of the said lands, and Sir Patrick Ogilvie of Inchmartine, knight, his tutor testamentar, compearing by Master Robert Burnet, younger, advocate, their procurator, and both parties being heard, the Commissioners ratify and approve the valuation of the lands of Cowtie lying in the said parish, "pertayning heretablie to the said Patrik Ogilve, led and deduced befoir the subcommissioners of the presbetrie of Megill (wheirby the samen is valued to haif payed presentlie payis and may pay in tyme cuming of constant yeirlie rent in stock and teynd ten chalders victuall tua pairt meill thrid pairt beir) . . . to stand as the trew and constant rent stock and teynd of the saidis landis yeirlie in all tyme cuming," because the titular and heritor consented hereto.

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CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between David Rattray, younger of Rannagulzion, and Isobel Ramsay, daughter of Gilbert R. of Bamff : 26th August 1634. (Abstract, vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Bamff, 26th August 1634, between James Rattray of Rannagullane and David Rattray his son and apparent heir, and their cautioners (unnamed) on the one part, and Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and Isobel Ramsay his lawful daughter, as principals, with their cautioner, on the other part, for the marriage of the said David Rattray and Isobel Ramsay. James Rattray obliges himself to infeft them in conjoint fee and their heirs male, whom failing, the said David's heirs male, irredeemably, in the lands of Rannagullane, with pertinents, grazings, sheallings, " and speciallie with priviledge of fisching foulling halking hunting within the boundis of the Forrest of Alyth, and all utheris liberteis usit and wont " ; also to infeft the said David and his heirs male and assignees in the lands of Corb and Drumturne, with the like pertinents and special privileges, and in the corn-mill called the Mill of Drumturne, built upon the said lands by the said James Rattray and the deceased William Rattray, his father ; also in the town and lands of Monydiroger (Monedie Roger) " with the teindscheawes and utheris small teindis firmes cainis customes pultrie and with all uther proffeit dewteis emollementis and pertinentis thairof includit ", with houses, tofts, and crofts, lying in the parish of Ochtergawin ; reserving to the said James his life-rent of the lands of Corb and Drumturne and corn-mill of Drumturne and town and lands of Monydiroger with the teinds, and reserving to Margaret Abircrome his spouse her life-rent of the town and lands of Monydiroger with teinds. The lands hereby granted to Isobel Ramsay in conjunct fee, and the annualrent of the sum of 5,000 merks to be employed by the said David upon

sufficient security, are in full of all tierce, the said David and his heirs guaranteeing the lands to be worth 300 merks yearly to her after his decease. James Rattray also obliges himself to redeem the lands of Corb from John Rattray in Corb; and he assigns to the said David the teinds of Rannagullane and tacks affecting the same, also the teinds of Corb and Drumturne, and tacks thereof. He also undertakes to pay to the said David 1,000 merks, to be bestowed on good security. On his part, Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff undertakes to pay to the said David Rattray as tocher 5,000 merks, paying 2,000 merks thereof before Martinmas next, and the balance before Whitsunday thereafter; to be repaid by the said David if the said Isobel die within three years after the marriage without surviving issue. If there be only daughters of the marriage, the said David is to pay to the daughter (if only one) 5,000 merks, if more than one, 6,000 merks among them. Witnesses to the contract are, Gilbert Campbell, fiar of Kethik, Master John Rattray, parson of Rattray, James Forrester, notary in Alyth, Patrick Robertsone, notary, and Donald Crokat, his servitor. [Signed] "G. R. Bamffe; James Rattray of Ranagullen; D. Rattray; Isbell Ramsay"; and by the witnesses.

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CHARTER TO DAVID RATTRAY AND ISOBEL RAMSAY of the lands of Rannagulzion, etc.: 26th August 1634.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

JAMES RATTRAY of Rannagullane, in fulfilment of the above Contract of Marriage, grants and dispones to the said David Rattray and Isobel Ramsay, and heirs male, the lands of Rannagullane with pertinents and special privileges aforesaid, and to the said David and his heirs male the lands of Corb and Drumturne and mill thereof, as aforesaid; to be held of the grantor in blench-

farm. Dated at Bamff, 26th August 1634; witnesses, Gilbert Campbell, fiar of Kathik, Master John Rattray, rector of Rattray, James Forrester, notary in Alyth, Patrick Robertson, notary, and Donald Crokat, his servitor. [Signed] "James Rattray of Ranagullen"; and by the witnesses.

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CONTRACT OF SALE by Alexander Alschoner (Alexander) to Alexander Stewart of his third of the lands of Welton of Creuchies: 27th September 1634. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Kirktoun of Kinloch, 27th September 1634, between Alexander Alschonder, portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhie, Beatrice Rattray his spouse, John Dicksone in Weltoun of Crewquhie, and Janet Chalmer his spouse, on the one part, and Alexander Stewart in Ballnacrie on the other part, narrating that Stewart has paid to Alschonder £800, for which sum he and the rest foresaid for their respective interests sell and dispone to the said Alexander Stewart and Janet Stewart his spouse, and their heirs, whom failing, the heirs of the said Alexander, irredeemably, their third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewquhie with houses, crofts, muirs, etc. pertaining to Alschoner in feu farm, and sometime occupied by him, and now by the said John Dicksone and his subtenants. Alschoner and Dicksone transfer to Stewart "thair pairt of the decreit of waluatioune granttit be our soverane Lordis principall Commissioneris in favouris of the said Johne Dicksone off the teindis baithe personage and wicarage off all and haill the said thrid pairt landis with the pertinentis". Dicksone also obliges himself "not to cutt nor distroy the planting and growand treis of the said thrid pairt landis, nor yitt demolische nor cast doune ony of the houses nor bigginges aither of cuppillis or thrie treis presentlie standand upon the said thrid pairt landis, nor yitt to transport nor carray

away with thame ony of the doris, windois, lokis, bandis, cleikis, stepellis, chimnayes, claywallis nor fixed wark of the saidis houses and bigginges, but sall leawe the samen to the said Alexander Stewart and his said spous in als guid estaite as thai ar in presentlie." Alshoner is to deliver to Stewart all writs affecting the lands, with an inventory thereof to be subscribed by them both, Stewart undertaking to exhibit and grant Alshoner access to the deeds or any of them if required hereafter in consequence of lawsuits. The penalty for breach of contract is £200. The contract is written by Patrick Blair, lawful son of John B. of Pittindreiche, and witnesses are, John Stewart of Balnakeillie, Thomas Stewart of Ballnagullane, George Chalmer in Middletoun of Cloquhat, John Miller, lawful son of Andrew Miller in Kirktown of Kinloch, and Finlay Cuthbert of Nether Cloquhat. [Signed] " J. Diksone with my hand ", the rest of the parties to the contract signing by aid of John and Patrick Blair, notaries.

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CHARTER BY ALEXANDER ALSCHONER to Alexander Stewart of his third part lands of Welton of Creuchies : 27th September 1634. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Alexander Alschoner, with consent as above, to Alexander Stewart and Janet Stewart his wife of the said third part lands of Weltoun of Creuquhy in terms of the foregoing contract. Same date and witnesses.

206

CHARTER by same to same, holding of the Crown : same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by same to same of the foresaid lands, to be held from the grantor of the King as superior, for payment yearly of 54*s*. 2½*d*. and 2 bolls of oats. Same date and witnesses.

207

CHARTER BY GILBERT RAMSAY of Bamff to Gilbert, his son, and Elizabeth Blair, of the lands and barony of Bamff, etc.: 24th November 1634. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, with consent of Isobel Ogilvy his spouse, and in fulfilment of a contract of marriage between them and Gilbert Ramsay, his son and apparent heir, on the one part, and Sir Thomas Blair of Balthyocke, knight, and Elizabeth Blair, his eldest lawful daughter, on the other part, dated , disponing to the said Gilbert Ramsay, his son, and the heirs male to be begotten of the marriage, whom failing, the nearest and lawful heirs male whomsoever of the said Gilbert, bearing the surname and arms of Ramsay, irredeemably, the lands and barony of Bamff, comprehending the towns and lands of Bamff, Litill Bamff, Hiltoun of Bamff, Mains of Bamff, Kinkedlie, Petdrey, Foyell, mill and Miltoun thereof, Newtoun of Bamff, also the lands of Ardormy and west part thereof, with pertinents, sometime occupied by David Cuming, John Alschoundour, Laurence Reid and William Reid, and their subtenants and cottars, bounded and described (as formerly) " beginand at the south at the north syde of the burne quhilk dewydis the landis of Balquhon (Balqyhyme) and Ardormy ", etc., which lands of Bamff and adjacent lands of Ardormy are marched and enclosed as follows, " beginand at the eist at the north end of the west dyk of the eistmost corne fauld of the landis of Ardormy ", etc.; also the lands of Eister Mawis, and town and lands of Hiltoun of Mawis, which are parts of Eister Mawes, which together lie and are bounded (as formerly) " Beginand at the northwest at thrie great steanes in the muir of Mawis standing in ane grein breid gait ", etc. The grantor reserves his life-rent of the Mains of Bamff, Hiltoun of Bamff, Ardormy and wester two-part of the

said lands of Foyell, the whole mill and Miltoun of Foyell; also reserving to himself, during the lifetime of his said son only, the lands of Litill Bamff and sunny third part of the lands of Foyell; and reserving to Isobel Ogilvy his spouse the life-rent of the lands of Ardormy: To be held of the grantor from the Crown as superior, for service of ward and relief. Precept is directed to James Blair of Ardblair to give sasine. The charter is dated at Bamff, 24th November 1634; witnesses, James Hering of Tomannat, Andrew Balfour, tailor in Alyth, John Alschoundour, the grantor's servitor, and Donald Crokat, servitor to Patrick Robertson, notary. [Signed] "G. R. Bamffe"; Isobel Ogilvie signs by aid of Patrick Robertson and Patrick Rattray, notaries; and the witnesses sign.

208

SASINE following upon the above Charter: (recorded 31st December 1634). (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine (much cut and mutilated) following upon the foregoing charter. Same witnesses. Sasine taken about noon.

There is a note on the back that the deed is recorded on 31st December 1634.

209

CHARTER BY GILBERT RAMSAY of Bamff to Isobel Ogilvie, his spouse, of parts of the lands of Auchteralyth: 24th November 1634. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff to Isobel Ogilvy, his spouse (in terms of his obligation in her favour of this date), in life-rent of the sunny third part of the town and lands of Auchteralyth, also the west and middle third parts of the said town and lands: To be held of the grantor from James, Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, as superior; also the foresaid west and middle third parts of the

town and lands of Auchteralyth to be held in like manner ; paying to the superior for the sunny third part 40*s*., and for the west and middle third part the rights and services due and accustomed. Precept is directed to James Blair of Ardblair to give sasine. The charter is dated at Bamff, 24th November 1634 ; witnesses, Gilbert Ramsay, son and apparent heir to the grantor, Andrew Balfour, tailor in Alyth, Patrick Robertson, notary, and Donald Crokat, his servitor. [Signed] " G. R. Bamffe ; G. Ramsay, witnes " ; and by the other witnesses.

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CHARTER BY GILBERT RAMSAY of Bamff to Gilbert R. his son, and Elizabeth Blair, of the east third part of Auchteralyth, etc. : 24th November 1634. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, with consent of Isobel Ogilvy, his spouse, to Gilbert Ramsay his son and Elizabeth Blair his spouse (in terms of marriage contract as recited in No. 207 *supra*), of the east third part of the town and lands of Auchteralyth, and the middle and west third parts thereof, reserving Isobel Ogilvy's life-rent : To be held of the grantor from James, Lord Ogilvie of Airlie, and the Master of Ogilvy, as superiors, for payment yearly of 40*s*. for the said sunny third part, and for the middle and west third parts the duties and services customary before. Date and witnesses, etc. as in No. 202 *supra*.

211

CHARTER by same to same of the third part of Drumheads : same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER in similar terms, of the grantor's third part of the lands of Drumflogneis, lying in the barony of Craigis, reserving his life-rent : To be held of him from the superiors in blench farm

for a penny of silver at Whitsunday if asked. Precept is directed to David Rattray, apparent of Rannagullane, to give sasine. Date and witnesses as above.

212

Charter by same to same of the lands of Watersheall and Craighead: same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Charter in similar terms, of the town and lands of Watterscheill, with pendicle called Craighead, lying in the Forest of Alyth, reserving the grantor's life-rent: To be held of the grantor from the superiors blench for 1*d.* Scots. Bailie, date, witnesses, etc. as before.

213

Sasine following upon the preceding Charter: 2nd March 1635. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 2nd March 1635, following upon the foregoing charter (No. 212). David Rattray gave infeftment on the ground of the lands of Watterscheill, about noon, in presence of George Crokat, lawful son of the deceased James Crokat in Little Ferdill, Andrew Balfour, John Alschoundour, and Donald Crokat. Patrick Robertson is notary.

214

Charter by James, Lord Ogilvie of Airlie, confirming No. 209 *supra*: 10th June 1635. (Latin) *Parchment.*

James, Lord Ogilvie of Airlie, and James, Master of Ogilvy, his son, confirm to Isobel Ogilvie, wife of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, the charter granted by the said Gilbert to her of the sunny third part of the town and lands of Auchteralyth, dated 24th November 1634 (No. 209 *supra*), to be as valid as if sasine had not already

been taken. Dated at Forther, 10th June 1635; witnesses, James Ogilvy in Cuthill hill, James Hering of Tomannat, John Ogillvy and William Arrat, servitors to the said Lord Ogilvie, and Patrick Robertson, notary (whose servitor, Donald Crokat, writes the deed). (Signatures.)

215

INSTRUMENT OF RESIGNATION by Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff in favour of Gilbert R. younger thereof, of the lands and barony of Bamff: 20th June 1635. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

ON 20th June 1635 in the tolbooth of Edinburgh compeared before the Lords of Exchequer Master William Douglas, macer, in name of Gilbert Ramsay, elder of Bamff, and Isobel Ogilvie his spouse, and made resignation in the hands of the Lords of Exchequer of the lands and barony of Bamff, comprehending as heretofore, for new infeftment thereof to be given to Gilbert Ramsay, younger, son and apparent heir of the said Gilbert, elder, and the heirs male begotten or to be begotten between him and Elizabeth Blair, his spouse, whom failing, the nearest heirs male of the name of Ramsay, and that in terms of Contract of Marriage, dated at Balthyok and Bamff, 21st and 24th November 1634 (and Charter No. 207 *supra*), reserving life-rents as therein expressed. Witnesses, Quentin Kennedie, and John Cok, writers to the signet, William Chalmer, writer in Edinburgh, and William Stevinsone, servitor to Master Laurence McGill, advocate. Laurence Abernethie, clerk of the diocese of Aberdeen, is notary.

216

CROWN PRECEPT for infefting Gilbert Ramsay, younger of Bamff, in the said lands: 22nd June 1635. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CROWN Precept from Chancery for infefting Gilbert Ramsay, younger of Bamff, in the lands and barony thereof, comprehending as aforesaid: following upon the foregoing resignation. Dated at Edinburgh, 22nd June 1635.

(Fragment of quarter seal attached.)

217

SASINE following thereupon: 3rd November 1635.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 3rd November 1635, following upon the foregoing precept (which is narrated at length). Infeftment was given by David Rattray, apparent of Rannagullane, at the tower and fortalice of Bamff about 10 a.m.; witnesses, James Hering of Thomannat, George Crokat in Coupar, William Imrie in Tullymurdo, James Donaldsone and Thomas Blair, servitors to the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff.

218

TACK BY THE GILBERTS RAMSAY, elder and younger of Bamff, to James Wilson in Wester Drummie, of the lands of Easter Mawes: 9th June 1636. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

AT Bamff, 9th June 1636, it is agreed between Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and Gilbert R., fiar thereof, his son, on the one part, and James Wilsone in Wester Drummie on the other part, that they set in tack to Wilsone, excluding heirs and assignees, the lands of Easter Mawis and pendicle thereof called the Cloivis, with teinds and pertinents, last occupied by John Souter and George Stoit

and their cottars, lying in the barony of Bamff, for the space of four years after Whitsunday last, 1636, for yearly payment of 280 merks during the first three years of the tack, viz., 180 merks at Martinmas yearly and 100 merks at Midsummer, and paying the last year of the tack 300 merks, viz. 200 merks at Martinmas and 100 merks at Midsummer, and three dozen poultry at Martinmas yearly, and £16 for the teind sheaves, payable to Lord Stormonth or others having right, and £5 for the vicarage teinds, payable to the minister of Blair. "And the said James sall mak the housses and biggingis als guid and sufficient at thair removing as the samin salbe estimat at his entrie to the possessioun, and quhat houses the said James biggis with his awin tymmer it salbe lesum to him to cast doun the samen and carie away the tymmer thairof with him, or utherwayis to be payit thairfoir at the sicht of four honest men. And the said Gilberts Ramsay, elder and younger, and thair foirsaidis sall furneis post pan and gryt tymmer to the saidis houses als oft as neid beis. And it is aggreit that the said Johne Souter and George Stoit sal have away the haill lint sawin be thame within the yeards of Eister Mawis, lykas it salbe lesum to the said James to saw alsmekill of the saids yeards with lint the yeir of his removing thairfra." Witnesses, James Ogilvy and Thomas Blair. [Signed] "G. R. Bamffe; G. Ramsay; James Ogilvy, vitnes"; James Wilson signs by the hand of Patrick Robertsone, notary.

219

Bond by James Annand, fiar of Persie, to Elizabeth Ramsay, his wife, concerning her life-rent: 16th July 1636.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

Bond by James Annand, fiar of Persie, reciting a Contract of Marriage between Thomas Annand of Persie, his father, Catherine Gray his spouse, and the said James, their son, on the one part,

and Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and Elizabeth Ramsay, his lawful daughter, on the other part, dated at the Nether kirk of Airlie, 21st September, and at Auchinluce 2nd November, 1627, for the marriage then contracted and shortly thereafter completed between the said James Annand and Elizabeth Ramsay, conform to which contract the said Thomas Annand infeft them in conjunct fee in the lands of Eister Persie and Moir Persie and lands of Ars and Mylndad, with pertinents, in the regality of Aberbrothok and shire of Forfar; and now the said James Annand having sold to Grahame of Fentrie and his heirs and assignees, irredeemably, the said lands of Eister Persie and Moir Persie and others foresaid, and the said Elizabeth having freely yielded her life-rent right thereof, the said James Annand obliges himself to infeft the said Elizabeth Ramsay, his spouse, in life-rent (in compensation and satisfaction for the above lands) in the lands of Kinquhirreis Easter and Wester, with walkmill and cornmill thereof, and in the lands of Auchinlucie with cornmill thereof, with pertinents, in the regality of Kirriemuir and shire of Forfar, reserving the life-rent of the lands of Auchinlucie and cornmill thereof to the said Thomas Annand of Persie and Catherine Gray his spouse for their lifetimes only; with clause of warrandice, excepting a wadset made by the said James to John Ogilvy of Gallay of part of the lands of Kinquhirreis for 4,000 merks, and a wadset by him to John Lyon, fiar of Balmukatie, of another part of the same for 2,200 merks; which lands he is to redeem, but meanwhile will secure the said Elizabeth in the profit and annual-rent of the sum of 6,000 merks till the lands are redeemed. He sets in tack to her the teind sheaves and other teinds of the lands of Kinquhirreis Easter and Wester and Auchinlucie for life, she entering thereto on 1st August after his decease, reserving the life-rent of the teinds of Auchinlucie to Thomas Annand of Persie and his spouse for their lifetimes. Dated at Bamff, 16th July 1636; witnesses, James Crichtoun of Ruthvenis, James Blair of

Ardblair, James Ogilvy, servitor to the said Gilbert Ramsay, and Patrick Robertsone, notary. [Signed] "James Annand"; and by the witnesses.

220

CHARTER BY JAMES ANNAND to Elizabeth Ramsay, his wife, of the lands of Easter and Wester Kinquhirreis, etc.: 16th July 1636. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by James Annand, fiar of Persie, to his said spouse of the life-rent lands above expressed, in terms of the foregoing Bond: holding from the grantor for 1*d.* Scots of blench farm. Dated at Bamff, 16th July 1636; witnesses, James Crichtoun of Ruthvenis, James Blair of Ardblair, James Ogilvy, servitor to Gilbert Ramsay, elder of Bamff, and Patrick Robertsone of Litiltoune of Rattray. [Signed] "James Annand; J. C. Ruthvns, witnes; J. Blair, witnes; James Ogilvy, vitnes."

221

DUPLICATE of the above Charter: same date.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

SIMILAR charter, holding of the superior, viz. William, Marquis of Douglas, for yearly payment to him at the manor-place of Kirriemuir on the feast of the Assumption of a flying merlin[1] or a silver penny, in name of blench farm, if asked. Date and witnesses as before.

222

SASINE OF ELIZABETH RAMSAY in the lands of Kinquhirries, etc.: 18th August 1636. (Latin) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 18th August 1636, given to David Crichtoun in Nether Logie as attorney for Elizabeth Ramsay, wife of the said James Annand, in life-rent in the foresaid lands,

[1] "unius merelionis volantis".

conform to the foregoing charters. Robert Ogilvy in Drumgley gives infeftment on the ground of the lands and within the mills, about 3 p.m.; witnesses, Andrew Hay in Kinquhirrie, Robert Greine there, John Fairweather in Kintyrie, David Clerk in Logie, and John Colly, servitor to the said Robert Ogilvy. Patrick Robertsone is notary.

223

LETTER FROM JOHN BLAIR of Pittendreich (near Meikleour ?) to the Laird of Bamff: 11th September 1636. *Paper.*

" RYCHT honorabill Sir, my deutie remembirit. Pleis this bearar George Sute your old mane tellis me that ye have causit arrest his cornis quhill his deutie be peyit, quharfoir I intreit your w[orschip] to give him libertie to transport his cornis, and I obleis me to caus him pay your w[orschip] your awin deutie at Mertimes nixt, and lykwyis to purches dischairgis of his deutie addettit for the teindis at the said terme. Committing yow hairtlie to Godis protectioun, I rest, Your luiffing cousing to serve yow, Johne Blair of Pittindreiche.

" Pittindreiche, 11th September 1636."

[Addressed] " To the richt honorabill his moist speciall freind, the Laird of Bamff, theis."

224

CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between Alexander Robertson, fiar of Middle Downie, and Bessie Ramsay, dau. of Gilbert R. of Bamff: 17th January 1637. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT of Marriage, dated at Glengavenat, 13th, and Eister Rattray, 17th January 1637, between Alexander Robertsone of Middle Downie and Alexander Robertson, his eldest lawful son and apparent heir, on the one part, and Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and Bessie Ramsay, his lawful daughter, on the other part; wherein the said Alexander Robertson of Middill Downie obliges

himself to infeft his said son and the heirs male of the said marriage, whom failing, his heirs and assignees, irredeemably, " in all and haill the twa pairt of all and sundrie the landis of Middill Downie lyand upone the eist syde of the burne of the samyne, and with that croft of land callit Baitchillcroft lyand upone the west syde of the said burne, and siclyk in all and haill that halff pairt of all and sundrie the landis of Over Downie, quhilk twa pairt landis of Middill Downie with the foirsaid croft of the samyne extendis to ane four mark land of auld extent, and the uther halff of the saidis landis of Over Downie extendis lykwayes to ane uther four mark land of auld extent, with all and sundrie thair pertinentis, lyand in the barronie of Middill Downie in Straithairdill within the schirefdome of Perth; as also in all and haill that halff pairt of all and sundrie the landis of Rannawey extending lykwayes to ane four mark land of auld extent lyand in Glenschie, baronie and schirefdome foirsaid, with all and sundrie thair respective pertinentis, quhilkis landis respective abouewreittin dewydit in thrie pairtis in maner abouespecifeit extendis in the haill to twelff mark land of auld extent; and in lyk maner in all and haill the corne mylne of Middill Downie with the mylnlandis of the samyne, extending [to] sevin mark land, lyand within the said barronie of Middill Downie and schirefdome foirsaid, sum[tyme] be umquhill Alexander Robertsone *alias* Reid, gudschir to the said Alexander Robertsone, elder, occupeit, with the sequelis of the samyne and with the astricht multoris of the landis underwreittin, viz. of the landis of Innerchroskie, of the landis of Edmarnochtie, of the landis of Moirleuchtie, of the halff landis of Over Downie, of the landis of Boirdland, of all and haill the landis of Middill Downie and uther halff landis of Over Downie, of the landis of Cultelame, of the landis of Stronziemuk, of the landis of Dalrilzeane, of the landis of Glengavenat, with the pertinentis, and services addebtit be the occupearis of the foirnamit landis to the said myln; and lykwayes that twa mark land callit

Louchinward with the pertinentis, sumtyme be the said umquhill Alexander Robertsone, gudschir to the said Alexander Robertsone, elder, occupeit; and syclyk in all and sundrie the landis of Dalnagarne, Glentaitnycht with the forrest thairof, and toftis and croftis of the samyne, and all and sundrie pendicles pairtis outsettis schellingis girsingis (grazings) and pertinentis quhatsumever, pertining thairto, sumtyme be umquhile Walter Robertsone *alias* Reid, father to the said Alexander Robertsone of Middill Downie, and his subtennentis occupeit, lyand within the baronie of Glendowok be annexatione within the schirefdome of Perth foirsaid"; reserving life-rent of all the foresaid lands to Alexander Robertson of Middle Downie for his life only, and to Jean Rattray, his spouse, her life-rent of the said two-part lands of Middle Downie, cornmill of Downie, and others, provided to her by contract of marriage. Bessie Ramsay is to be infeft in life-rent in the said lands of Dalnagarne presently occupied by John Dow Myllar, James McGilliewie, John Eviot, Patrick McStainie, Adam Robertson, and John McCoull *alias* Caynoch; also in the said half part of Rannawey, extending to a four merk land, presently occupied by Alexander Frasser *alias* Lay and Thomas Andersone, and in the said two merk land called Louchinwaird presently occupied by John Flemyng and John Kinynmouth, and in the teinds, reserving the life-rent of Alexander Robertson of Middle Downie in these lands; she meanwhile during her husband's lifetime having the profit of the sum of 5,000 merks now sufficiently secured. Alexander Robertsone, elder, undertakes to keep them in household with himself till Whitsunday 1639; and he sets in tack to them that pendicle of land in Glentaitnicht called Schannell, with the teinds, shealings, and pertinents, till Whitsunday 1639, for payment of 12*d.* at Martinmas if asked. Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, with Gilbert R., fiar of Bamff, his son, as cautioner, undertakes to pay a dowry of 5,000 merks, viz. 2,000 merks before Martinmas 1637, and 3,000 merks at Martinmas 1638, to be bestowed on

land or annualrent, at the sight of the said Gilbert Ramsay, elder and younger, and John Robertsone of Straloch, so that Bessie Ramsay may always have the profit or life-rent use thereof. If the only issue of the marriage be female, and so excluded from the heritable succession, the provision for one daughter shall be 5,000 merks, for more than one 6,000 merks, equally among them. The contract was written by Ronald Robertson, servitor to Patrick Robertson, notary; witnesses, James Crichtone of Ruthvenis, David Rattray of Craighall, David Rattray, fiar of Rannagullan, Alexander Robertson of Wester Straloch, John Robertsone, lawful son of the said Alexander Robertsone of Middle Downie, and John Rattray of Boirdland. [Signed] "G. R. Bamffe; G. Ramsay; Alex^{r}. Robertsone; A. Robertsone; J. C. Ruthvns, witnes; D. R. Craighall, witnes; Alex^{r}. Robertsone, witnes; Johne Rettrey, witnes: Johne Robertson, witnes; D. Rattray, witnes."

225

CHARTER BY ALEXANDER ROBERTSON of Middle Downie to Elizabeth Ramsay of the lands of Dalnagairn, etc., in life-rent: 13th January 1637. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Alexander Robertson of Middle Downie and Alexander R. his son and heir, in favour of Elizabeth Ramsay, the latter's future spouse, and daughter of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, in life-rent in the lands of Dalnagairne, half of Rannowey, and lands called Louchinwaird, occupied as is expressed in the foregoing Contract of Marriage. Precept is directed to John Rattray of Bordland to give sasine. Donald Crokat, notary, writes the charter, which is dated at Glengavenat, 13th January 1637; witnesses, David Rattray, fiar of Rannagullen, Alexander Robertsone of Wester Straloch, Patrick Robertson of Litiltoun of Rattray, and John Robertson, son of the said Alexander R., elder. (Signatures.)

226

SASINE following thereupon : 14th January 1637.
(Latin) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 14th January 1637, given to William Dog, servitor to David Rattray, fiar of Rannagullane, as attorney for Elizabeth Ramsay, daughter of Gilbert R. of Bamff, and promised spouse of Alexander Robertson, fiar of Middle Downie, in the foresaid lands of Dalnagairn, etc. in terms of the foregoing charter. Done on the ground of the lands between 1 and 2 p.m. in presence of the said David Rattray, Alexander Robertsone of Wester Straloch, John Robertsone, and Laurence Wilsone, servitor to Patrick Robertson of Litiltoun of Rattray.

227

CONTRACT OF MARRIAGE between George Bannerman of Middle Cardney and Katherine Ramsay, dau. of Gilbert R. of Bamff : 19th July 1638. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT of Marriage, dated at Bamff, 19th July 1638, between Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and Catherine Ramsay, his lawful daughter, on the one part, and George Banerman of Middill Cairdney on the other part, whereby the said George undertakes to infeft the said Catherine, his future spouse, in life-rent in the lands of Middill Cairdney and Nether Cairdney, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Dunkeld, and in the lands and " scheall " of Auchnaglear and the " wod and wod landis of Eister Carnich [*or* Cranicha] swa far as aik, birk, alron or any uther wod grew or is appeirand to grow in tymes to cum ather in backsyd or foirsyd of the samyne, as the samyne is specially merchit and meithit in the infeftmentis and securitie maid to me and umquhill Lawrence Banermane, my gudschir, thairupone ", lying in the barony foresaid ; also in the half town and lands of Stentoun,

with half of the mill, built and to be built, half multures, half salmon fishing and other fishings in the water of Tay pertaining to the said town and lands, and teinds thereof, lying in the said barony; reserving the life-rent of Janet Moncur, mother of the said George, in the said lands of Middill Cairdny and Nether Cairdny, and reserving the letter of reversion granted by the said George Banermane to Peter Pennicuik now of Stentoun for redemption of the said half town and lands of Stentoun, etc. for 3,000 merks. He also sets in tack to Catherine "in lyfrent for all the dayes of hir lyftyme" the teind sheaves of Middill Cairdny and Nether Cairdny *alias* Cairdny Tailyeour or Kinkedstoun, with pertinents, her entry to be at Lammas after his decease, for yearly payment to the minister of Capeth of £21 9*s*. 4*d*., viz. £14 11*s*. 4*d*. for Middill Cairdny, and £6 18*s*. for Nether Cairdny *alias* Cairdny Tailyeour, with 7 merks 3*s*. 4*d*. yearly to the Bishop of Dunkeld as titular of the said teind sheaves. If the half lands of Stentoun are redeemed, the price is to be bestowed upon other sufficient lands, and infeftment to be given to the said Catherine therein. If George predecease her, leaving heirs male, she shall renounce half of the said half lands of Stentoun or half of the price thereof, in favour of the heirs male. She is not to cut or destroy any wood or planting of her life-rent lands, "bot only to cut sa meikill thairof as will serve for repairing and uphalding of the houses and biggingis perteining to the saidis landis, and for labouring of the ground thairof allanerly". For provision of Catherine Ramsay during the lifetime of Janet Moncur, present life-rentrix of Middle and Nether Cairdney, the said George is to bestow 2,000 merks upon sufficient land or annualrent, by the advice of the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and Gilbert Ramsay his son; and there being a contract dated 2nd March 1637 wherein the said Janet Moncur with consent of John Robertsone of Letoch, now her spouse, sets in tack to the said George Bannerman the town and lands of Middle Cairdny

during her lifetime, he subsets to the said Catherine the said "landis and maines of Middill Cairdny and pendicle of land thairof callit Craigwallich", with pertinents, reserving to the said Janet Moncur (after the death of her said present spouse) "the chalmer (chamber) of Middill Cairdny with frie ischie and entrie thairto", for payment of £90 of tack duty. The dowry payable by the Laird of Bamff is 3,000 merks, viz. 1,000 merks at Whitsunday 1639, another 1,000 merks before Martinmas thereafter, and the remaining 1,000 merks at Whitsunday 1640, in full of all the said Catherine can claim by his death or the decease of Isobel Ogilvy her mother. The tocher is to be repaid if the said Catherine die within three years, leaving no surviving issue. If only female issue be of the marriage, the provision for one daughter shall be 3,000 merks, for two or more 6,000 merks equally among them. Donald Crokat, notary, writes the contract; witnesses, George Nairne of Tullyfergus, John Ramsay, lawful son of Alexander R. at the Mill of Innerqueich, Patrick Robertson of Litilltoun of Rattray, and the said Donald Crokat. [Signed] "G. R. Bamffe; George Banerman; G. Ramsay, ca^{r}. (cautioner)"; and by the witnesses.

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CHARTER BY GEORGE BANNERMAN to Catherine Ramsay of the half lands of Stenton: 19th July 1638.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by George Bannermane of Middill Cairdny to the said Catherine Ramsay, his promised spouse, of the half lands of Stentoun, half mill, etc. as in the above contract is provided: to be held of the grantor for 1*d.* Scots of blench farm. Dated at Bamff, 19th July 1638; witnesses, as before.

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CHARTER by same to same, of the lands of Middle and Nether Cardney : same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by the same to the same, in terms of the foregoing Contract of Marriage, of the lands of Middill Cairdny and Nether Cairdny, with pertinents, in the barony of Dunkeld, and the lands and ' sheall ' of Auchnaglair and woods and woodlands of Easter Craniche, so far as trees grow or may grow in future, " beginand at the moise (moss ?) of Middill Cairdny on the north-eist syde and coming doune fra the said moise the burne of Auldthane to the west end of the corne landis of Nether Cairdny callit Cairdny Tailyeour, and fra that doune to the hie mercat gaitt that comes fra the Leachwood and Cairdny Inches to the said wood of the Craniche, and fra that doune and west be the Dowloches swa far as wod grew to ane medow callit the Bischiopis medow, and fra that up in the west syde of the said Eister Craniche to the burne of Auldsnadiche, and up the burne to the head of the Wester Craniche as wind and weather schyris, and fra that west and doun to the scheall of Drumbui lyand foiranent the scheall of Fordischaw perteining as propertie to me, and fra that up to the Scottis menis gaitt, and west anent the neather end of the risk[1] of Stroumoir to the fute of the Brae of Auchnaglair, and west the risk under the Brae to the burne, quhill thay come to Craigloich as commontie, and fra that northeist to the west syde of the birkin buss, swa far as wood hes growen, and fra that eist throw the heicht of the Craigis to the Dewchir, and fra that doun to the strype and burne that dewydes Over and Middill Cairdnyes perteining as propertie to me " : holding of the grantor for 1*d.* Scots. Date and witnesses as above.

[1] Patch of rough grass or rushes ?

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DUPLICATE, with holding of the superior.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

DUPLICATE of the above charter, with holding of the superior (unnamed) for the duties and services contained in the old infeftments. Same date and witnesses.

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SASINE OF CATHERINE RAMSAY in the lands of Stenton: 26th July 1638. (Latin) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 26th July 1638, given to Gilbert Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, as attorney for Catherine Ramsay, in the half lands of Stentoun, half mill, etc. proceeding on Charter No. 228 *supra.* James Hering of Tomannat gives infeftment, on the ground of the lands about 9 a.m., in presence of John Robertsone of Nether Fornocht, Peter Bannermane in Middill Cairdny, George Fullartoune, servitor to Gilbert Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, and Alexander Stewart, servitor to the said George Bannermane. Patrick Robertsone is notary.

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SASINE of the same, in the lands of Middle and Nether Cardney: same date. (Latin) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 26th July 1638, given as above, of the lands of Middill and Nether Cairdnie, Auchnaglair, etc. proceeding on Charter No. 229 *supra.* Same bailie, and witnesses. Done about 8 a.m.

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CHARTER BY JAMES SANDERS, portioner of Mains of Creuchies, to John Sanders, his son, and Janet Bisset, of a third of Mains of Creuchies : 2nd November 1639. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by James Sanderis, portioner of Mains of Creuquhyis, to John Sanderis, his eldest son, and Janet Bisset, his future spouse, lawful daughter of James Bisset of Meikill Fairdill, of his third part of the Mains of Creuquhyis, occupied by the grantor and Marjory Fyff his spouse, to be held of the grantor for 1*d.* Scots ; in terms of contract of marriage of this date entered into between the parties. Thomas Fyff, writer in Dunkeld, writes the charter, which is dated at Creuquhyis, 2nd November 1639 ; witnesses, John Bennermane in Dunkeld, James Sanderis, lawful son of the said James Sanderis, John Ramsay, portioner of Mains of Creuquhy, the said Thomas Fyff, William Fyff and Alexander Fyff, notaries in Dunkeld. (Signatures.)

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DUPLICATE of the above Charter, holding of the superior : same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

DUPLICATE of the above, the lands to be held of the King as superior, for payment of 50*s.* 6*d.* and two bolls of oats, at the monastery of Scone, with other services as heretofore. Date and witnesses as above. (Signatures.)

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Bond by David Rattray, fiar of Rannagulzion, to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, in reference to No. 202 *supra* : 25th November 1639. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

David Rattray, fiar of Rannagullion, having this day granted discharge to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff for the tocher contained in his contract of marriage (No. 202 *supra*) with Isobel Ramsay, the latter's daughter, obliges himself within three years from this date, in terms of the same contract, to obtain from the lawful superior a charter of confirmation of the disposition made by his father, James Rattray of Rannagullion, to him and the said Isobel of the lands of Rannagullion, etc., he having hitherto failed to discover to whom to apply for such confirmation. James Small in Middle Drumy becomes cautioner for him for this effect. Dated at Alyth, 25th November 1639; witnesses, Master John Rattray, minister at Alyth, Andrew Gray of Drumally, James Chalmer in Pitdrey, and Patrick Robertson, notary, and Ronald Robertson, his servitor, writer of the deed.

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Discharge by James, Lord Coupar, to Patrick Ogilvy of Bendochy for sums contained in a decreet : 12th May 1640. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

On 22nd October 1633 James, Lord Coupar, obtained decreet before the Commissaries of Dunkeld against Patrick Ogilvy of Bennathie, son and heir of the deceased Patrick O. of B., and Sir Patrick Ogilvy of Inchmerteine, knight, his tutor testamentar, for payment of sums of money due by the said deceased Patrick, who died in August 1631, and due by themselves since that time, viz. the feu-maills of the lands of Grange of Airlie, 1622 to 1632, at £7 yearly, extending to £77; 4 bolls of horse corn yearly

the said years, being 44 bolls, at £3 13*s*. 4*d*. the boll, extending to £150 6*s*. 8*d*.; two dozen capons yearly, being 8*s*. apiece, extending to £108; the tack duty of his vicarage, 1629 to 1633, at 53*s*. 4*d*. yearly, is £13 6*s*. 8*d*.; four pounds of wool yearly at 16*s*. 8*d*. (5*d*.?) the pound, amounting to £4 3*s*. 4*d*.; four lambs yearly, the said five years, at 26*s*. 8*d*. apiece, amounting to £6 13*s*. 4*d*. (*sic*); for the vicarage teinds of the lands of Bendoquhy, 1621 to 1633, at £10 yearly, is £130; with ten merks of costs. The said Sir Patrick Ogilvy, as tutor foresaid, having now paid to him the whole sums above mentioned, the said Lord Coupar grants this discharge to him and the said Patrick Ogilvy of Bennathie; dated at Drumkilbo, 12th May 1640, witnesses being, Patrick Robertson of Litiltoun of Rattray, Ronald Robertson his servitor, and Donald Crokat, notary.

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SASINE OF JAMES SMALL in the lands of Middle Drimmie, etc.: 24th November 1640. (Latin) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 24th November 1640, of James Small, eldest lawful son of the deceased George Small, sometime of Foderance, on a charter by George Drummond of Blair to him and his heirs of the lands of Middle Drymeis, and an annualrent of 6*s*. 8*d*. out of the lands of Easter Drymeis, in the lordship of Coupar, redeemable for 3,250 merks. The charter was dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 13th November 1634; witnesses, Andrew Rattray in Blair, Patrick Rattray, brother german of David R. of Craighall, Patrick Robertson, notary, and Donald Crokat his servitor. Donald Cargill of Haltoun of Rattray gives infeftment in the subjects about 1 p.m. in presence of Laurence Blair in Wester Drummy, Master John Ramsay, lawful son of John R. portioner of Milton of Rattray, William Storrour and John Barnett, servitors to the said James Small. Patrick Robertson is notary.

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SASINE OF JAMES GEDDIE in Kinkedly, in a third part of Weltoun of Creuchies: 2nd January 1641. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 2nd January 1641, of James Geddie in Kinkedlie, on a charter by Alexander Alschounder in Alyth, feuar in Weltoun of Crewquhie, Alexander Stewart in Dysert in Athole and Janet Stewart his spouse, to the said James Geddie and his heirs, irredeemably, of that third part of the town and lands of Weltoune of Crewquhie, formerly occupied by the deceased Thomas Ogilvy, thereafter by the said Alexander Alschounder and John Dicksone and their subtenants, thereafter by the said Alexander Stewart and his subtenants; which charter is dated at Kirkton of Rattray and at Alyth, 6th and 10th August 1640; witnesses, George Drummond, portioner of Kirktoun of Rattray, Laurence Cargill in Bonitoune of Rattray, William Rattray in Burnehead of Blair, Ronald Browne, portioner of Leitsie (Leitfie?), Thomas Crokat at the mill of Ruthven, and Ronald Robertsone, servitor to Patrick Robertson, notary. John Irland in Foyall gives infeftment, on the ground of the lands about 10 a.m., in presence of Patrick Rattray, notary, James Irland, lawful son of the said John Irland, James Smyth in Foyall, and James Smyth in Weltoune of Crewquhie.

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SASINE OF AGNES SUTE, wife of James Geddie in Kinkedly, in the sunny half of the third part of Weltoun of Creuchies: 2nd January 1641. (Latin) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 2nd January 1641, of Agnes Sute, wife of James Gedie in Kinkedlie, on a life-rent disposition by him to her of the sunny half of the foresaid third part of the lands of Weltoun of Crewquhie. He gave sasine to her on the ground

of the lands, about noon, in presence of Patrick Rattray, notary in Wester Whytsyd of Alyth, John Irland in Foyell, James Irland his son, and James Smyth in Foyell.

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CHARTER BY ARCHIBALD MURRAY of Ardownie to James Durham and his wife, of the town and lands of Ardownie : 23rd and 24th June 1642. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Archibald Murray of Ardounie and Master William Murray, his eldest son, fiar thereof, with consent of Helen Ramsay, the latter's spouse, and that of Henry Ramsay, sometime of Ardownie, her father, to James Durhame, second son of William Durhame, elder of Grange, and Margaret Wood his spouse, and their heirs male, irredeemably, of the town and lands of Ardownie, with pertinents, in the parish of Monyfuith and shire of Forfar, with teinds now by great seal charter of 15th March 1634 inseparably united to the said lands : To be held of the said Master William Murray in blench feufarm for yearly payment of £12 Scots, and for the teinds 1*d.*, with 20*s.* to the superiors of the said teinds. Dated at Dundee, 23rd and 24th June 1642; John Ramsay, son of the deceased John Ramsay of Priorlathome, David Weymis, elder, merchant burgess of Dundee, William Gray, Sheriff Clerk of Forfar, James Nicoll, writer in Dundee, and William Luke, notary in Forfar, being witnesses to the subscription of the said Archibald and Master William at Dundee 23rd June ; while Master Alexander Wedderburn, town clerk of Dundee, Robert Cheplan, notary, burgess thereof, and the said John Ramsay, William Gray and William Luke, are witnesses to the subscription of Helen Ramsay at Dundee 24th June. [Signed] " Archibald Murray ; M. Wm. Murray ; Hellen Ramsay ; J. Ramssay, witnes " ; and the others.

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CROWN CHARTER to James Durham and Margaret Wood of the foresaid lands and teinds: 18th July 1642.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by King Charles I to James Durhame and Margaret Wood foresaid of the lands and teinds of Ardownie, resigned by the said Archibald and Master William Murray in their favour: Paying for the teinds 20*s*. and for the lands the customary services. Dated at Edinburgh, 18th July 1642. (Sasine below, No. 245, 24 June 1646.)

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DECREET FOR PATRICK OGILVY of Bendochy for selling the lands of Couttie to pay his debts, notwithstanding his minority: 28th February 1643. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

ACTION at the instance of Patrick Ogilvie of Bendoquhie, son and heir of the deceased Patrick O. of B., and Patrick Brown of Horne, Andrew Ogilvie of Balgay, and Alexander Ogilvie in Craigdaillie, his curators, against Sir Patrick Ogilvie of Inshmairteine, knight, Gilbert Ramsay, elder of Bamff, Gilbert Ramsay, fiar thereof, James Ogilvie in Bendoquhie, uncle of the said Patrick Ogilvie, persons nearest of kin to the pursuer on the paternal and maternal sides, reciting that the said deceased Patrick Ogilvie of Bendoquhie, his father, died in August 1631 infeft in the lands of Couper Mac Cultie, with pertinents and fishings upon the water of Yla, and in the lands of Bendochie, with pertinents, lying "in the Wester Stormonth within the regalitie of Dumfermling", and shire of Perth, the rental of which lands is as follows, viz. "the saids landis of Bendochie with the pendicles thairof payes yeirlie the sowme of eight hundreth merkis money; *item* to the minister of Bendochie, by and attour the said sowme, threttie fyve bollis victuall, tua pairt meall thrid pairt bear;

the landis of Cowttie *alias* Couper Macultie yeirlie ellevin hundreth merkis; *item*, of pultrie foullis ten dussoun at tuentie pundis; the half landis of Hill of Couttie *alias* Couper McKultie, fyfteine bollis victuall half meall half bear; *item*, of silver dewtie thriescoir tua pundis ten schillingis; *item*, ane dussoun pultrie foulis at fourtie schillingis; *item*, ane dussoun of caponis at four pundis; the uther half thairof yeirlie tuelff bollis victuall of the qualitie foirsaid, and of silver dewtie fiftie pundis, with ane dussoun of pultrie foulis and ane dussoun of capones, pryces forsaidis; the landis of Foullfuird yeirlie fourscoir merkis, deduceand the fewdewtie of the saidis landis of Cowttie payit yeirlie to the abacie of Dumfermling at fiftie pundis ten schillingis; *item*, deduceand sevin bollis victuall payit to my Lord of Couper, the landis of Grange of Airlie payes yeirlie tua hundreth and fourtie pundis; *item*, to the minister of Airlie by the foirsaid sowme fyfteine bollis meall; to my Lord of Cowper four bollis aittis; *item*, of silver dewtie sevin pundis money with tua dussoun of capones"; in which lands of Cowttie Jean Ramsay, widow of the said Patrick Ogilvie, and now spouse to Archibald Butter, is infeft in life-rent or conjoint fee, and she possesses the same. At his decease the said Patrick was addebted as follows, viz. to the deceased Doctor Peter Bruce, Principal of St. Leonard's College, and his spouse, 2,000 merks by bond dated 3rd May 1626 and interest; also to him £560 by bond dated June 1628; to Master John Wadderburne, regent in St. Andrews, £490 by bond dated June 1629; to George Symmer, son of Alexander S. burgess of Dundee, £1,066 13*s*. 4*d*., by bond dated November 1625; to John Gilruithe, elder, in Hill of Cowttie, £100 by bond dated June 1630; to William Chrystie, son of James C. in Adamstoune, £1,246 13*s*. 4*d*. by bond dated Nov. 1630; to John Goldman, burgess of Dundee, £1,050 by bond dated June 1629; to Andrew Muirisone, burgess there, £1,453 by bond dated 31st May 1626; to William Goldman, burgess there, £726 13*s*. 4*d*.

by bond dated May 1628; to David Tailzeour *alias* Forrester in Alyth 1,000 merks by bond dated August 1620; to Robert Carnegie of Dunichine £700 by bond dated June 1630; to Alexander Waddirburne, elder, burgess of Dundee, £525 by bond dated 28th July 1631; to Andrew Fyff in Tealling £155 by bond dated the same; to Sir Patrick Ogilvie of Inchmartin, knight, £1,666 13*s.* 4*d.* as part of £4,000 due by bond dated June 1628; to Alexander Watsone, burgess of Dundee, £269 13*s.* 4*d.* "conforme to ane discharge" dated 15th and 18th December 1632; to the said Jean Ramsay, widow of Patrick Ogilvie, 1,000 merks, by bond dated 27th April 1630; and by his Testament he was also owing to Oliver Cow in Bendochie, £40; to Patrick Lindsay of Barneyairdis 100 merks; to John Ogilvie in Alicht, £40 12*s.*; to the domestic servants and hired shearers in harvest, for fees, £75 13*s.* 4*d.*; the whole debts amounting to £13,982 11*s.* 8*d.*; "and quhilkis sowmes of money abouewrittin be reassoun of the said Jeane Ramsay hir lyfrent infeftment of the saidis landis of Cowttie *alias* Cuper McCultie, and necessar intertainement of the said persewar and remanent bairnes then liveing, and uther necessar expenses wairit and debursit in wining of cornes, bigging of houses and buying of plenisching to the labouring of the Maynes, and paying of annualrentis and borrowing of money for that effect be the tutour befoir the expyreing of his tutorie, hes now accrest and growne up to the sowme of tuentie thrie thousand eight hundreth nynteine pundis fyve schillingis usuall money of this realme, and sua the said Sir Patrik Ogilvie, tutour, is superexpendit (i. e. has overspent up to the extent of) the said sowme of tuentie thrie thousand," etc. After accounting had between him and the pursuer, the Lords by their decreet dated 16th February inst. decerned Inchmartin free of his tutory and ordained the said Laird of Bendochie and his curators to pay the said accumulated sum to him. Thus "it hes beine unpossibill to the said persewer sen the deceas of his said umquhill father

to pay the anualrentis and proffeittis of the saidis haill sowmes, at the leist the same anualrentis hes beine payit be him with verrie great difficultie, and the said persewar hes beine compellit to live upon the chairges and charitie of his freindis; and now the said persewar haveing attained to the aige of yeiris, it is not possibill to him to live any langer efter that maner, sua that his anualrentis in ane great pairt remaines unpayit, and his debt increases termelie and continuallie upon him, quhairby within few yeiris he will go to wrack, except the saidis landis of Cowper m'kultie extending to the rentall foirsaid, and being burdenit with the said Jeane Ramsay his mother hir lyfrent as said is, be sauld at ane competent pryce and availe, to the alienatioun quhairof scho is willing to consent, and quhilkis landis foirsaidis no persone will undertak to buy fra the said persewar, in respect of his minoritie, without the auctoritie of the Lordis of Counsale and Sessioun interponit thairto." Charge being given to the said defenders, and diets being assigned to the pursuer and his curators to instruct the summons, Master Robert Nairne, procurator for him, exhibited the pursuer's infeftment dated 25th January 1642 as heir to his father in the foresaid lands; an act of curatory in favour of the persons foresaid, dated 22nd May 1641; and the foresaid Decreet of Compt and Reckoning. Parties being heard, the Lords on 28th February 1643 find and declare that it is necessary and expedient for the pursuer that the lands of Cowttie be sold for 25,000 merks, free of the said life-rent, or for 16,500 merks with the burden of the said life-rent, as the full worth thereof, that the same may be applied for relief of his debts; and they declare "that the saidis landis ar proffitablie disponit to the said persewar his behove utilitie and proffeit and that he sall nevir be hard heirefter in judgment nor outwith to quarrell nor impugne the same nor to cum in the contrair thairof"; which disposition and alienation to be made by him with consent foresaid shall be as valid as if he were of perfect age, and the Lords interpone their authority thereto.

(16) GILBERT RAMSAY III, AFTERWARDS SIR GILBERT RAMSAY.

(CHARLES I—THE COMMONWEATLH—CHARLES II—JAMES II, RULING SCOTLAND, 1625–1685)

We have seen that the accession of Gilbert III can only be placed as having fallen between the 28th February 1643 and the 20th August 1652, a wide interval. In this state of uncertainty I find it convenient to treat all documents later than the former date as coming under his time.

A manuscript inventory of writs concerning Bendochie and Couttie informs us of the transfer of that property by dispositions dated 27th October and 15th November 1649 from our young Patrick Ogilvy to a Gilbert Ramsay, being without doubt either Gilbert II or Gilbert III.[1] Following shortly on this acquisition we regret to find in our No. 250, of the 20th August 1652, the issue of Letters of Horning and Poinding at the instance of a Gilbert Ramsay against tenants of Couttie for arrears of teinds, due, some to himself, some to the vicar. Whether the laird responsible for this drastic action was the elder or the younger Gilbert again remains uncertain. But the apportionment and valuation of the teinds of Couttie supply us with further notes as to produce and prices. We find that the price of the mixed boll of two parts meal and one part bere might run from £10 to £12; again we have lambs worth 24*s.* to 30*s.*, and fleeces worth 10*s.*—13*s.* 4*d.*; a stone of cheese stands at 40*s.*; a stone of butter at 5 marks; both hemp and flax are grown. Finally, we find that we are under Cromwell's Commonwealth; and that the authorities who grant the letters of Horning are his Commissioners of the constitution known as The Declaration.[2]

[1] No. 1067 A in MS. Inventory of Bamff Charters, item 82.

[2] See Hume Brown, ii. 366.

I think that we should be safe in treating the Gilbert of August 1652 as Gilbert III. But in fact we do not definitively get hold of him till the 2nd October 1656, when we find him marrying his eldest son, Thomas, to Jean Lumsden, daughter of Sir James Lumsden of Innergellie. By the marriage contract Gilbert undertakes to settle on the couple and their issue male the newly acquired lands of Bendochie and Couttie; teinds, fishings on the Isla, and multures are included, saving as to the teinds the several payments due to James, Lord Coupar, the Titular or impropriator, and those due to the minister of Bendochie. Gilbert further binds himself to invest his son in the free barony of Bamff, together with Auchteralyth, Watersheal, Craighead, a third of the Drumheads, and a third of the Mains of Creuchies, saving always his life-interests, and those of his spouse Elizabeth, in certain parts of the property. Provision is made for the case (which happened) of Thomas dying before his wife: while for the immediate support of the young couple half of the rents of Bendochy, Ardormy, Hilton, and Drumheads are assigned. On the other hand Sir James promises to deliver to Gilbert (not to the bridegroom) a "tocher" of £10,000 Scots, with a further sum of 3,000 marks for all claims that his daughter could make. If only daughters issue of the marriage, Thomas to provide £12,000 to £20,000 as provision for them, according to circumstances; daughters not only to be properly maintained and "educat", but also to be sent "to the schools". We may notice the more liberal scales of the tocher and of the provisions for girls. Among the witnesses are Sir Philip Anstruther of that Ilk and Master John Blair, brother of the laird of Balthyock (Charter No. 256).

Poor Thomas Ramsay died within two years' time of his marriage, leaving an only daughter, Elizabeth. This we learn from Charter No. 259 (28th October 1658), a contract between Gilbert and his daughter-in-law, dealing with the situation that had arisen, and the £12,000 to which the little Elizabeth would

be entitled under her mother's marriage contract. It was agreed that at first she should live with her mother, but that at the end of seven years—or sooner, if her mother should require it—Gilbert should take her from her mother, and receive her "in household familie with himself, and sustein interteine and educat hir at bed board abulziamentis, and at the schools, according to hir estait, during the nocht payment of the said sowme of £12,000". As security for this money he tenders the curious obligation of obtaining from the Superior the confirmation of her dower in Bendochy. On the 12th December, however, Gilbert and his son James delivered to Elizabeth a more substantial security in the shape of a registered bond for £12,000, payable on her attaining the age of sixteen (No. 273). Eventually, however, it would seem that Elizabeth and her mother had to take legal proceedings against Gilbert and his son to obtain payment of the money; but it was paid, as Elizabeth gives a receipt in full (24th February 1673, No. 300).

If marriage contracts bulked largely in the records of the time of Gilbert II, still more largely do they bulk in those of the time of his son. Gilbert *père* apparently had seen the marriages of five daughters and one eldest son. Younger sons had to marry themselves, as best they could. Gilbert *fils* seems likewise to have led five daughters to the hymeneal altar; but he had to arrange for the marriages of two eldest sons—the first one having passed away—and also to arrange for the marriage of an eldest grandson, the son of his son.

Little more than six months after the marriage of Thomas Ramsay came that of Gilbert's eldest daughter, Margaret, wedded to her (presumable) cousin, David Ramsay of Jordanstone, son of the late Alexander. David undertakes to get himself infeft and seized as heir to his father in the lands of Jordanstone, within the barony of Balendoch, and in the lands, teinds, mill, and mill-lands of Balhary, and to infeft his wife in the same lands in life-rent,

saving the life-rent of his mother Euphame Beatoun—the endowment to extend to the " comontie usit and wont in and upon the moores lyand betwixt the saidis landis and the burne of Alyth ". Provisions follow for meeting the case of David's dying before Margaret, leaving issue, and of her marrying again. On the other hand it appears that Gilbert has already paid to David—or his creditors—6,000 marks as tocher for Margaret, and in full for all claims either on him, or on Margaret's mother, at their respective deaths. If only daughters issue of the marriage, or if David should marry again and leave male issue, then he is to provide 6,000 marks to 12,000 marks for daughters, according to circumstances. Among the witnesses we have Master John Rattray, minister at Alyth, and Master John Rattray, the younger, minister at Ruthven (24th April 1657, Nos. 257, 258, 268).

But the Bamff charter-box has room for marriage contracts not directly connected with Bamff. Our next document refers to the union of John Robertson " in Wester Bleaton " (i. e. living there as tenant, but not proprietor thereof), with Elizabeth, daughter of David Rattray of Rannagulzion. But Elizabeth's mother was a Ramsay, Isobel, daughter of Gilbert II and sister of Gilbert III, and so her daughter fairly comes within the family circle. Robertson binds himself to settle £3,000, invested on landed security, on his wife, for her life ; David Rattray to give Robertson £1,000 as tocher, in full for all claims on father or mother (27th February 1661, No. 260).

Not three weeks after the marriage of Elizabeth Rattray came that of her cousin Annas, daughter of Gilbert III, joined in wedlock to Harry Smyth of Glaswell (near Kirriemuir), son and heir of the late John Smyth of Glaswell. Harry binds himself to take all necessary steps for infefting Annas for life in certain parts of the Kirklands of Kirkhill of Meigle (Belmont), Balmachreon, Camno, mill and mill-lands of Camno, together with the parsonage teinds ; subject always to the stipend of 16 bolls of oatmeal due

to the minister of Meigle. The manor-house of Camno being in a ruinous state, Harry undertakes to build his wife a dower house there, at a cost not to exceed 400 marks Scots (say £26 English of the time). Gilbert to give Harry 8,000 marks as tocher for Annas, to include all her claims either on father or mother, and so she must, in return, surrender a bond of provision for 2,000 marks, or £80 a year, on Bamff, already secured to her by her father and brother. We may note the rate of interest, £7–£8 per cent. (No. 261, 17th March 1661; Nos. 262, 263, 264, and 272 are supplementary documents.)

Here in due chronological order I must take in the marriage contract of James Ramsay, eldest surviving son of Gilbert III, dated 17th October 1666, though our knowledge of it is derived from recitals in supplementary deeds dated 9th November 1667 and 8th July 1670 (Nos. 278 and 286). The parties are Gilbert and his son James on the one side, and James, 2nd Earl of Airlie, and Mistress Christian Ogilvy, second daughter of the late Sir Thomas Ogilvy, brother of the Earl, on the other part. Gilbert pledges himself to infeft the young couple and their heirs male in the free barony and fortalice of Bamff, and also in the newly acquired lands of Bendochie and Couttie, saving always his life interests in the property, and also those of his wife Dame Elizabeth in the parts life-rented by her. Nos. 287, 288, 289 are formal deeds for giving effect to these stipulations. From our No. 320 of the 22nd November 1683 we further learn that the three thirds of Auchteralyth, Easter, Middle, and West, were also settled on the young couple, saving the life-rents of Sir Gilbert and Dame Elizabeth. I may add that this was the third intermarriage between a Bamff Ramsay and an Airlie Ogilvy.

At the date of this contract Gilbert III was still simply Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff: our next charter, dated a fortnight later, is the diploma conferring on him and the heirs male of his body

begotten, the dignity (*titulum et honorem*) of a Knight-Baronet (No. 277, 3rd December 1666). The tradition current in the family till recently had been that Gilbert was created a baronet for his services in connexion with the action at Rullion Green, or the Battle of the Pentland Hills (28th November 1666). Papers preserved at Blair Castle have brought to light the fact that the Ramsay who distinguished himself at Rullion Green was not Gilbert III, but his son James Ramsay I, only married the month before, and who, but two years before that again, was still a student at St. Leonard's College, St. Andrews (No. 273). It appears that the breaking out in March 1666 of war between Great Britain and a coalition of France, Holland, and Denmark created an alarm of foreign invasion in Scotland. Two regiments of foot and eleven troops of horse were added to the regular army in Scotland. James Ramsay obtained a commission in that force, and appears in the Muster Roll as "Capitaine Ramsay *corporal*" in the Captains' squadron in the Earl of Athol's troop.[1] The original proposal was to confer a baronetcy upon James; but it was found that to promote a son, and so young a man, over his father's head would shock the sense of the age, and, accordingly, the distinction was conferred upon the father. It will be seen that the diploma bears date 3rd December, only five days after the battle. But as the diploma only passed the Seal in London on the 18th April 1667, and in Edinburgh on the 22nd April 1667, it is clear that for some reason or other it must have been antedated.

Presumably connected with this grant of the baronetcy is our next document, No. 278, dated 9th November 1667, in which we have a compact of a most novel and amazing character, being simply an undertaking by Sir Gilbert to abdicate in favour of his son, at the death of his, Sir Gilbert's, wife, Dame Elizabeth Blair, if he should survive her. Sir Gilbert tells us that he enters into this contract "for certane good deed done" to him by his

[1] Lady Tullibardine, Military History of Perthshire, i. 1–4 (1908).

son. What greater "good deed" the filial James could have done to his worthy sire than that of surrendering to him the honour and glory of having earned the baronetcy on the field of battle, I cannot conceive; but whatever the consideration moving him may have been, Sir Gilbert pledges himself at the death of his wife to retire upon an allowance of 800 marks and three chalders of meal a year, to be paid clear of all charges or deductions whatever. But Sir Gilbert retains the right to charge the estate with 10,000 marks as provision for two [unmarried] daughters, Katharine and Elizabeth. Sir Gilbert could not ask his wife to turn out of her house for her son and his wife; but he himself in the fullness of his heart is prepared to do so. Sensible that after the surrender of the estate difficulties might arise as to joint housekeeping, he goes on to stipulate that, in case he and his said son "might nocht agrie in familie", then and in that case it should be lawful for him to appropriate "any maner dwelling place and house" upon the estate for his abode. Of such a compact one hardly knows which to wonder at most, the father who could enter into it, or the son who could take advantage of it. With respect to Sir Gilbert's allowance I may again state that a chalder of meal was sixteen bushels, or two quarters; 800 marks would be £533 6*s*. 8*d*. Scots, equal to £44 or £45 English.

Our next marriage is that of Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Sir Gilbert, with George Drummond of Blairgowrie. George binds himself to infeft Elizabeth for life in the lands of Muirton and Middle Drummie, also in the lands of Burnhead of Blair and Lornty; and also to invest her in an annuity of 100 marks from and after "the first end of the dewties of the fishing of the Keath of Rattray one the west syd of the watter of Ericht". The lands, apart from the annuity, are guaranteed to be worth 500 marks and two chalders of victual a year. There being no house on the dower lands, George further undertakes to build his wife a suitable house, in the most commodious place in the barony of Blair,

to the value of 800 marks, or else to provide a further annuity of 50 marks for house rent. Sir Gilbert and his son will provide 7,000 marks as tocher, in full for all claims either on father or mother. If only female issue of the marriage, George to provide 6,000 to 10,000 marks according to circumstances. Among the witnesses we have Patrick Rattray of Craighall, James Campbell of Keithick, and Harry Smyth of Camno (20th May 1672, No. 290; see also Nos. 298, 301).

Our next marriage contract, and our last, introduces the connexion, closely kept up to the present day, between Bamff and Fingask. Charter No. 327 (19th September 1688) gives us the marriage contract entered into between David, only son of Sir Patrick Threipland of Fingask, designated, as the manner then was, " Knight and Baronet ", i.e. simply Baronet, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of James Ramsay, fiar (heir apparent) of Bamff, and granddaughter of Sir Gilbert. Sir Patrick binds himself to infeft the young couple and the heirs male of the marriage in a rent of 40 chalders of victual from the barony of Fingask and Castle Threipland, subject to his own life-interest therein; he also undertakes to infeft them in a rent of 2,000 marks a year from the same lands, for their joint support during his lifetime, the annuity to endure also for the life of Elizabeth. If only daughters issue of the marriage, then from 20,000 marks to 30,000 marks to be provided, according to circumstances, Elizabeth to have half of her husband's " plenishing " at his death, if she should survive him. James Ramsay to pay Sir Patrick 6,000 marks as tocher, and in full for all demands on father or mother. No. 328 records the seisin of Elizabeth in the 2,000 marks rent, and No. 331 (5th February 1692) is the receipt for the tocher, Sir Patrick having already passed away. We may notice the designation of the castle at Fingask as " Castle Threipland ", an ambitious proceeding on the part of a family of recent origin, that would give offence, and was not persevered in. An

earlier document in our collection brings in the founder of the House of Fingask, namely Andrew Threipland, merchant burgess of Perth, and for many years representative of that city in Scottish Parliaments. In No. 279, of the 12th November 1667, we have a bond for 500 marks, for which Threipland stands security. He was the father of Sir Patrick the first baronet.

As we come down the stream of time our documents become more numerous but less interesting. A briefer summary must suffice. A mortgage of Wester Whiteside by James, 1st Earl of Airlie, and his son, James, Lord Ogilvy, with consent of Isabella Hamilton, Countess of Airlie, tells of another matrimonial alliance between a Rattray and a Ramsay, namely, that of one John Ramsay to Margaret Rattray (Nos. 248, 249; June 1650 and July 1651). I cannot identify either of these persons; and the property, or rather the mortgage, soon passed out of their hands (No. 255).

Again, mortgages of one-sixth of the Drumheads, acquired from the Ogilvys of the Craig, bring to light yet another collateral Bamff marriage, namely that of Isobel Ramsay to John Rattray of Boreland (Nos. 247, 274, 275; January–February 1666; and No. 283, April 1669): with respect to these lands from Nos. 321 to 325 we find that in 1685 one-third was owned by Sir Gilbert and two-thirds by one Alexander Robertson. As for the parentage of Isobel Ramsay, the wife of John Rattray of Boreland, Sir Gilbert had a sister Isobel married to David Rattray of Rannagulzion; I can only suggest that this other Isobel may have been a daughter of one of the younger sons of George II, or a daughter of Alexander Ramsay of Jordanstone.

Going back to minor events, in 1672 we have a confirmation by William Lord Lindsay of Parbroath of Watersheal and Craighead (Nos. 273, 276, 277; June–August).

In the same year we have the beginning of the Tullymurdoch branch of the Ramsays of Bamff; as such the Tullymurdoch

Ramsays must be considered. On the 24th May 1672 the lands of Tullymurdoch Over and Nether, with the mill, and the Brawlands of Creuchies were conveyed by John Robertson of Tullymurdoch to Master Gilbert Ramsay "in Bruceton" (near Alyth). This charter was confirmed by James, 2nd Earl of Airlie, 26th April 1683. Among the witnesses are Sir Gilbert and his son James and David Rattray of Rannagulzion, presumably Sir Gilbert's brother-in-law (Nos. 291, 292, 319). The exact connexion of Master Gilbert, the resident in Bruceton, I cannot pretend to trace. I can only suggest again that he may have been son of one of the younger sons of George II; it would be very interesting to suppose that he was son of Dr. Alexander, the Physician to Charles I, and that Tullymurdoch was bought with the money made by him in the practice of his profession. At any rate the first of the Tullymurdoch Ramsays, like the first of the Bamff Ramsays, was styled *Magister*, and so was, presumably, something of a scholar. In connexion with the transfer of the property a list of title-deeds relating to Tullymurdoch and the Brawlands was delivered; the documents go back to the times of Crawford ascendancy, and a charter by Alexander, Master of Crawford, in favour of John Ogilvy, son and heir of James Ogilvy of Airlie, Knight, and Marjorie Graham his wife, dated 14th October 1478. The charter also includes Balendoch, another old Lindsay possession. The list itself, our No. 302, is dated 10th November 1673. The Master of Crawford, the grantor of the above charter, was the son of David, 5th Earl of Crawford; while John Ogilvy, the brother-in-law of Gilbert, son of Alexander Ramsay I, at his father's death became 2nd Lord Ogilvy of Airlie.

At Sir Gilbert's accession we found ourselves puzzled to make out when his father died and he succeeded. As we approach the end of his career we find ourselves again in a like difficulty as to the time of his death and that of the advent of his son. The

crux now arises not from the want of evidence, but from the want of consistency in the data supplied by the charters. On the 9th May 1692 we have "Sir James Ramsay of Bamff". Seven charters follow, the last of the 23rd April 1695, in all of which he figures as simple "fiar of Bamff"; on the following 23rd May he is again "Sir James"; while on the 10th July 1695 and the 12th May 1696 the title is withheld (Nos. 345, 346), so that we do not get to an undeniable "Sir James Ramsay of Bamff Knight and Baronet" till the 30th April 1697, and then again, oddly enough, it is the date of the marriage contract of the daughter of the laird that settles the question. An explanation of the earlier appearance of James as "Sir James" has been sought in the suggestion that he had been knighted in the lifetime of his father, a theory for which no evidence has been adduced. My suggestion is that Dame Elizabeth, Sir Gilbert's wife, had passed away by the 9th May 1692, and that the stipulated surrender of the estate at her death had actually taken place (No. 278). In all the affairs to which these charters since May 1692 refer, James is clearly acting as *de facto* laird of Bamff. In fact the surrender of the estate might be carried back to the time of the marriage of James's daughter to David Threipland (19th September 1688), because Sir Gilbert is not mentioned in the contract, and it is not he, but his son, and his son only, who is liable for and pays the tocher.

Reviewing the charters that belong to Sir Gilbert's time we find a growing disposition on the part of the small landowners to part with their estates, with a corresponding enlargement in the size of tenant holdings, the movement in both cases being due to the difficulty of obtaining satisfactory economic results from the cultivation of patches of poor soil under an uncompromising sky, coupled with healthy aspirations after better conditions of life. In 1685 one-third only of Drumflognies was owned by Sir Gilbert (No. 321). In previous years we had heard of sixths of

the same; now, however, two-thirds are vested in one Alexander Robertson, who apparently lives on the property, but whose position is really that of mortgagee or wadsetter. Ten years later, as the result of various acts and proceedings, we have the several lands of Middle Drumheads, Ferniehirst, Corn Dows and Hollow Burn, being the outstanding two-thirds of Drumflognies, vested in James Ramsay of Bamff (24 May 1695; No. 344). Nether Drumheads would represent the third previously connected with Bamff. Then at Creuchies we have the sale of one-third of the Mains to James, 2nd Earl of Airlie, and his son for 700 marks, saving a life-rent in three acres and a cottage—just the historic " three acres and a cow " (12 April 1683; Nos. 316–318). With respect to the Welton, on the 9th May 1692 two " ploughs " with the appendant " soums " (i. e. rights of pasturage on the hill), being in fact two-thirds of the property, were sold and conveyed by John Heres to " Sir James " for 1,800 marks (No. 332); while with regard to the Hatton, we have the acquisition of the " three possessions " of the same by James Ramsay—now fiar of Bamff—for 600 marks, the amount for which the land had been mortgaged by James, 2nd Earl of Airlie, from whom the right of redemption had been purchased (16–25 August 1694; Nos. 338–340). A final extension of the Bamff possessions we get on the 12th May 1696, when Middle Drummie was bought by James Ramsay from John Drummond for 9,000 marks (No. 346).

To end with the devolution of Ardownie: At Gilbert's accession the property was in the hands of James Durham and Margaret Wood, his wife (Nos. 240, 241). Then we have a charter by James Durham to his son William Durham and Jean Scott his wife, and their heirs male (No. 281; 23rd October 1668). The charter was written by Walter Lyell, Town Clerk of Montrose, and among the witnesses were Sir Thomas Wood of Bonnyton and Thomas Allardyce of Dunninald. On the 30th March 1687 a contract was entered into between William Durham and his

wife Jean Scott on the one part, and Alexander Duncan and his wife Katharine Auchinleck on the other part, for the sale to the latter of Ardownie, together with the teind sheaves thereof, and the half of Baldovie. But the transaction in fact was a surrender or foreclosure of the property, for a debt of 20,000 marks charged on it with interest at the rate of 1,200 marks a year (No. 326, 30th March 1687). By a further contract of the 1st November 1693 Durham bound himself to sell and dispone of his half of Baldovie, his lands of Ashludie, and parts of the Mains of the Grange to Alexander Duncan, now described as of Ardownie, for 22,000 marks (No. 336). But Durham held back from completion, and on the 15th May 1694 Duncan made a public protestation on the ground, tendering the money and demanding fulfilment (No. 337). Finally on the 16th January 1695 a decree of adjudication of the lands of Ardownie, Baldovie, Ashludie, parts of Mains of Grange, town and lands of Grange of Monifieth, and town and lands of Lawes for 27,500 marks was issued in favour of Duncan against Durham and his wife (Nos. 342, 347).

I may note the retour of David Ramsay, grandson of John Ramsay, to one-sixth part of Balhary, 1672.

By Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Blair of Balthyock, Sir Gilbert had issue:

Thomas, married in October 1656 to Jean, daughter of Sir James Lumsden of Innergellie (No. 256); by whom he had a daughter Elizabeth, who died unmarried. Thomas died before the 28th October 1658 (No. 259).

James, who succeeded him.

Margaret, married 24th April 1657 to David Ramsay of Jordanstone, son of Alexander Ramsay of Jordanstone (No. 257).

Annas, married in April 1661 to Harry Smyth of Glaswell (No. 261, etc.).

Katherine, married to James (?) Campbell of Keithick.[1] James

[1] Douglas, Baronage.

Campbell of Keithick is one of the witnesses to the marriage contract of Elizabeth Ramsay to George Drummond (No. 290).

[ ], married to [ ] Græme of Potento, now Cardean.[1]

Elizabeth, the youngest, married to George Drummond of Blairgowrie, May 1677 (No. 290).

Sir Gilbert was apparently alive on the 12th May 1696 (No. 346), but had certainly died by the 30th April 1697.

Dame Elizabeth, his wife, as already suggested, had passed away before the 9th May 1692, if not before 19th September 1688 (p. 274 above).

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ASSIGNATION BY JAMES SMALL to George Drummond of Balloch of the lands of Middle Drummie, etc.: 18th May 1643.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

IN terms of Contract, dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 13th November 1634, between the deceased George Drummond of Blair and James Small, eldest lawful son of the deceased George Small, sometime of Foderance, and by charter and sasine following thereupon, the said James Small was infeft, in security for a loan of 3,250 merks, in the lands of Middle Drymeis and in an annualrent of 6*s.* 8*d.* out of the lands of Easter Drymeis, with a tack of the teinds; and now George Drummond of Balloch having paid the like sum to him, the said James Small assigns to him the foresaid lands and annualrent, reserving the letter of reversion granted by him to the said deceased George Drummond of Blair. The deed is written by Ronald Robertson, notary, and dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 18th May 1643; witnesses, James Rattray of Rannagullane, Archibald Campbell of Persie, Master James Drummond, lawful son of George Drummond, portioner of Kirktoun of Rattray, and Patrick Robertsone of Litiltoun, notary.

[1] Douglas, Baronage.

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Assignation by John Jack in Welton of Creuchies to James Geddie there, of the middle third part of Welton : 16th June 1645.
(Vernacular) *Paper.*

By a contract, dated at Alyth, 10th April 1626, between John Jak in Weltoun of Crewquhy on the one part, and the deceased John Cumyng, portioner of the third part of Weltoun of Crewquhy, and Elizabeth Donaldsone his spouse, on the other part, the said John Cuming wadset to him his middle third part of Weltoun, with houses, yards, myres, woods, fishings, and teindsheaves, reserving to himself and his spouse and their heirs an acre and a half thereof, with teindsheaves, lying in that shed called the Bank on the west side thereof, and the third part of that pendicle of the said lands called the Awatt, with the teindsheaves, and pasturage yearly of a cow with her follower, a horse or mare, and 36 old sheep ; under reversion for 400 merks. James Geddy, portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhy, has now paid to him the like sum, therefore the said John Jak with consent of Thomas Jak, his only lawful son and apparent heir, and with consent of the said Elizabeth Donaldsone and of John Cumyng, her son, heir to his said father, assigns to the said James Geddie the foresaid lands, teinds, etc. subject to the reversion. The deed is written by James Forrester, notary, and dated at Alyth, 16th June 1645 ; witnesses, James Crokat in Blaklaw, Thomas Crokat, his uncle, James Donaldsone in Nevay, James Rattray and James Geddy, students in Alyth. None of the parties can write, and James and Alexander Forrester, notaries, sign for them.

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Sasine following upon No. 241 *supra*: 24th June 1646.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 24th June 1646, of James Durehame of Ardownie and Margaret Wood his spouse, in the town and lands of Ardownie, with teinds, in terms of Crown Charter to them (No. 241 *supra*). George Souttar in Ethiebettoune gives sasine on the ground of the lands about 3 p.m. in presence of William Durehame, son of William D., fiar of Graing, Thomas Bennet in Ardownie, James Smyth, Gilbert Lundie and John Galloway living there. William Gray, clerk of the diocese of Brechin, is notary.

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Gift of Escheat in favour of Captain Peter Rollok: 5th August 1646. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Letters of Gift under the Privy Seal in favour of Captain Peter Rollock of the escheat and life-rent of John Hendersone, servitor to the deceased John, Earl of Athole, who was put to the horn on 6th June 1645 at the instance of the said Captain for a debt of £500, owing by Henderson as cautioner for the deceased Mungo [Murray ?], of Stormonth, and contained in a contract between them on the one part and the said Captain for himself and taking burden for the deceased Dame Mary Stewart, sometime Countess of Athole, on the other part, dated 17th March 16 4 (*sic*), recorded in the Books of Council and Session in December 1642. The Letters are dated at Edinburgh, 5th August 1646.

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TACK BY GILBERT OGILVIE of the Craig to John Rattray in Drumheads, of his sixth part of the same : 12th May 1648.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Alyth, 12th May 1648, between Gilbert Ogilvy of Craigis, and Thomas Ogilvy in Mains of Craig, Thomas Cargill in Cotton of Craig, William Crichtoune in Inschoch, and John Steill in Scheilwallis, his cautioners, on the one part, and John Rattray in Drumflognies on the other part, whereby for 800 merks, now advanced by the said John Rattray, the said Gilbert Ogilvy sets in tack to him his sixth part of the lands of Drumflognies, sometime occupied by John Spalding and now by the said John Rattray, lying in the barony of Craigis in Forfarshire, and that for all years and terms during the non-redemption, the said Gilbert and his heirs retaining the annualrent of the said sum in their own hands in place of other tack duty ; also the teinds of the said lands, for which Rattray is to pay to Master William Rattray, minister at Glenilay, the sum of £3 1*s.* 4*d.* yearly. The deed is written by James Pattoune, servitor to Patrick Rattray, notary ; witnesses, Alexander Ramsay of Jurdanstoune, George Nairne of Tullyfergus, James Chalmer in Pitdrey, and James Chalmer in Alyth.

(The deed is fragile.)

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CHARTER BY JAMES, EARL OF AIRLIE, to John Ramsay, of the lands of Wester Whiteside of Alyth : 28th June 1650.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by James, Earl of Airlie, Lord Ogilvy of Alyth and Lentrathen, etc. and James, Lord Ogilvy, his son and apparent heir, with consent of Dame Isabella Hamiltoun, Countess of Airlie, to John Ramsay in Wester Quhytsyde of Alyth and

Margaret Rattray his spouse, of the lands of Wester Quhitsyde of Alyth, with pertinents, presently occupied by Patrick Rattray and the said John Ramsay, lying in the barony of Alyth and sheriffdom of Perth; to be held of the grantor in blenchfarm for payment of 1*d.* Scots yearly if asked. James Forrester, notary, writes the deed, which is dated at Cortoquhy, 28th June 1650; witnesses, John Duncan, son of William D. in Dundee, Archibald Betton, servitor to the Earl of Airlie, and Patrick Ogilvy in Brigend. [Signed] "Airlie; Ogilvy; Issobell Hamiltoune; Jhone Duncan, witnes; Archbalde Beatone, witnes; Patrik Ogilvy, witnes."

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Sasine following upon the preceding Charter: 2nd July 1651. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 2nd July 1651, of the foresaid John Ramsay and Margaret Rattray his wife, in the lands of Wester Whiteside of Alyth, in terms of Charter No. 248. Alexander Ramsay in Alyth gave sasine on the ground of the lands, about 10 a.m.; witnesses, Patrick Rattray in Wester Quhytsyde, John Geddy there, James Salter in Alyth, and John Cargill in Ardormy. James Forrester, clerk of the diocese of Dunkeld, is notary.

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Letters of Horning and Poinding at the instance of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff against tenants in Couttie for teind duty: 20th August 1652. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Letters of Horning and Poinding, issued by Colonel William Daniell, governor of Perth, Sir Thomas Blair of Balthyick, knight, sheriffs and commissaries of Perth, at the instance of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, who as assignee to Patrick Ogilvie of Bennethie

(Bendochy) in the teinds of the lands of Cowpar Mackultie in the parish of Bennethie obtained decreet of this date in the commissary court of Perth against Abraham Mitchell and others to make payment to him of their teinds; charging therefore the said Abraham Mitchell in Mains of Cowltie to pay to him 11 bolls 6 pecks of teind victual, two part meal, third part bere, for his occupation of the hauche (haugh) of the Mains of Cowtie, crops 1649 and 1650, price of the boll overhead in 1649 £10, and in 1650 £12; also 15 bolls 2 pecks $2\frac{2}{3}$ lippies of victual, two part meal, third part bere, for his occupation of the two-part of the said Mains of Cowpermackultie, crop 1651, price of the boll overhead £12; five lambs, 10 "fleische" of wool, $1\frac{1}{2}$ stones of cheese, 1 stone of butter, 15 "beattis" of lint, price of each beat 6*s*. 8*d*., 5 sheaves of hemp, at 3*s*. 4*d*. the sheaf, for vicarage teind, crop 1649; "mair, the viccarradge of sex lambes and fyfteine scheip off the said cropt j^{m} vj^{c} and fyftie extending to ane lamb and ane fleische off wooll, pryce of the lamb tuentie four schilling, and of the fleische off wooll ten schilling"; the vicarage of 8 lambs and 18 sheep, crop 1651, extending to a lamb and 2 fleeces, same prices; and 20 beats of lint and 8 sheaves of hemp for each of crops 1650 and 1651: Harry Mitchell there, to pay 7 bolls 2 firlots 1 peck $1\frac{1}{3}$ lippie of victual, two part meal, third part bere, for his occupation of the third part of the Mains of Cowparmackultie, crop 1651, price of the boll overhead £12; the vicarage of 16 head of sheep, 8 lambs and 9 ewes, extending to 3 fleeces and a lamb, at the prices foresaid, and 7 beats of lint for crop 1651 at the foresaid price: David Mitchell in Bennethie (Bendochy), for his occupation of the Mains of Cowparmackultie, crop 1649, 5 bolls 3 firlots 1 peck of teind victual, two part meal, third part bere, price of the boll overhead £12; 3 lambs, 5 fleece of wool, 12 pounds of cheese, 8 beats of lint, 3 sheaves of hemp, half a stone of butter, for vicarage teind, crop 1649, price of each lamb 30*s*., each fleece 13*s*. 4*d*., each

stone of cheese 40*s*., each stone of butter 5 merks, each beat of lint 6*s*. 8*d*., each sheaf of hemp 3*s*. 4*d*.: John Mairtine, cottar in the Hill of Cowtie, to pay two beats of lint yearly for the said three years, at 6*s*. 8*d*. the beat: William Third, cottar there, to pay one lamb and a fleece of wool for the vicarage of 7 ewes and 7 lambs, crop 1651; and two beats of lint yearly as the last: Robert Douglas, cottar there, to pay two beats of lint for each of crops 1650 and 1651, price of the beat 2*s*.: William Kilruth, cottar there, two beats of lint yearly for the three years, at 6*s*. 8*d*.: John Mackowell, cottar there, the same: Janet Crockit, cottar there, two beats of lint as the vicarage of 24 beats of lint yearly for the three years, at 2*s*. per beat: James Colt and Elspeth Tailyowr, cottars there, each of them to pay 1 lamb, 2 fleece of wool, 2 lb. of cheese, 2 beats of lint, 1 sheaf of hemp, and 2 lb. of butter, yearly for the three years, price of the lamb 30*s*., fleece 13*s*. 4*d*., stone of cheese 40*s*., stone of butter 5 merks, beat of lint 6*s*. 8*d*., sheaf of hemp 3*s*. 4*d*.: All to be paid within 15 days under pain of arreistment. Dated at Perth, 20th August 1652.

Note of execution on the back, dated 7th September 1652, against all the delinquents personally; witnesses, James Symsoune in Cowpar, and John Robertsone in Hill of Cowttie.

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Disposition by James Geddie to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff of a third part of the lands of Welton of Creuchies: 8th December 1652. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Contract, dated at Alyth, 8th December 1652, between Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, on the one part, and James Geddie, portioner of Weltoun of Crewchie, with consent of Agnes Suit, his spouse, and James Geddie, his eldest lawful son and apparent heir, on the other part, reciting that Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff at Whitsunday last advanced to Geddie and his creditors the sum of

500 merks, and therefore Geddie with consent foresaid binds himself to infeft Ramsay in that third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewchie, with pertinents, occupied sometime by the deceased Alexander Alschoundour in Alyth, thereafter by John Dicksone, thereafter by Alexander Stewart, and now by . . . ; reserving to James Geddie, elder, and Agnes Suit, his wife, their life-rent of the two acres of the said third part called the Awart[1] burne, with pertinents, and pasturage of a cow with her follower and 15 old sheep yearly, and after their decease to the said James Geddie, younger, during the non-redemption. The Laird of Bamff is to grant a letter of reversion, which is not to operate till seven years have elapsed. The deed is written by Donald Crokat, notary; witnesses, John Ramsay, servitor to the Laird of Bamff, William Ramsay, his brother german, Andrew Balfour in Alyth, Alexander Sandeman, smith there, John Ogilvy, younger of Peill, and John McIntoishe of Forter. [Signed] " G. R. Bamffe ; James Geddy " ; and by witnesses.

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Duplicate of the foregoing Contract. *Paper.*

(In a very tattered condition.)

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Charter by James Geddie to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff of the third part of Welton of Creuchies : 8th December 1652.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

Charter in terms of the foregoing contract (No. 251), by James Geddie, portioner of Weltoun of Creuquhy, with consent of his wife and son, to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, of the third part of Weltoun of Creuquhy. Written by Donald Crokat, notary, and dated at Alyth, 8th December 1652 ; witnesses, John Ramsay,

[1] Athwart, across the burn.

servitor to the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, William Ramsay, brother german to the said John, Andrew Balfowre in Alyth, and Alexander Sandeman, smith there, John Ogilvy younger of Peill, and John Makintoishe of Forter.

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SASINE following thereupon : 15th February 1653.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 15th February 1653, of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff in the third part of the lands of Weltoun of Creuquhy, in terms of the foregoing charter (No. 253). James Hering of Wester Gormok gives infeftment on the ground of the lands about 2 p.m., in presence of William Huntar in Balharrie, Thomas Howie in Foyell, Robert Wither in Mains of Bamff, and John Donald in Mains of Crewchie.

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ASSIGNATION BY JOHN RAMSAY in Wester Whiteside of Alyth to Captain John Ogilvie in Halton of Innerarity (Inverquharity) of the town and lands of Wester Whiteside : 26th April 1656.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISPOSITION and Assignation by John Ramsay in Wester Whiteside of Alyth, with consent of Margaret Ratray his spouse, and of James, Earl of Airlie, and James, Lord Ogilvy, to Captain John Ogilvie in Halton of Innerarity, for the sum of 1,700 merks, of the town and lands of Wester Whiteside of Alyth, to which the said John Ramsay and his spouse acquired right by contract dated 18th June 1650 between them and the Earl of Airlie (on which the charter No. 248 *supra* proceeds), and sasine following thereupon (No. 249 *supra*) ; subject to the reversion contained in these titles. John Gray, notary in Forfar, writes the deed,

dated at Forfar 26th April 1656; witnesses, William Gray, sheriff clerk of Forfar, and the said John Gray; also "Da. Donald, witnes; J. Ramsey, witnes; Wm. Souter, witnes; T. Crokat, witnes".

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MARRIAGE CONTRACT between Thomas Ramsay, son of Gilbert R. of Bamff, and Jean Lumsden, dau. of Sir James L. of Innergellie: 2nd October 1656. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Stravithie, 2nd October 1656, between Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, Elizabeth Blaire his spouse, and Thomas Ramsay, son of the said Gilbert, on the one part, and Sir James Lumsdaine, elder of Innergellie, and Jean Lumsdaine, his lawful daughter, as principals, and Sir James Lumsdaine, younger, fiar of Innergellie, as cautioner, on the other part, for the marriage of the said Thomas Ramsay and Jean Lumsden. Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff obliges himself to infeft them and their heirs male, whom failing, the nearest heirs male of the said Thomas, in the lands of Bendochy, with pertinents, lying in the Wester Stormonth in the regality of Dunfermling and sheriffdom of Perth, and the lands of Cowpermacultie (Couttie), with pertinents and fishings on the Water of Illa, in the said regality and sheriffdom; also the teinds of the lands of Benathie and Coupermacultie; reserving to Jean Ramsay, "Lady Couttie", widow of Patrick Ogilvie of Bendochy, her life-rent of the Mains of Couparmacultie and of three acres thereof sometime occupied by the deceased James and John Gillruth, with pertinents, presently occupied by the said Jean Ramsay and James Hay now her spouse, but not reserving the teinds to her. The said Gilbert also assigns to them the whole duty astricted and in use to be paid by the possessors of the mill of Bauchrie for the multure and knaveship (servitude) of the said lands of Benathie and Couparmacultie. He also obliges himself to infeft the said Thomas and his heirs male and assignees

in the towns and lands of Little Bamffe, Hiltoun of Bamffe, " dominicall landis and maines of Bamffe ", Kinkedlie, Pittdrey, Foyell, mill and Milton of the same, Newtoun of Bamffe, and the town and lands of Ardormie and westmost part of the same, sometime occupied by David Cumyng, John Alschunder, Laurence Reid and William Reid ; also the lands of Eister Mawis and town and lands of Hiltoun of Mawis, which are proper parts and pertinents of the said lands and barony of Bamffe, with houses, yards, fortalices, woods, lochs, fishings, mills, and whole pertinents, all united into a free barony called the Barony of Bamff, lying in the sheriffdom of Perth ; also the easter third part of the town and lands of Auchteralyth, and middle and wester third parts thereof, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Alyth and sheriffdom of Perth ; also the towns and lands of Waterscheillis and Craigheid, with pertinents, in the barony of Alyth ; the third part of the town and lands of Drumflognies, with pertinents, in the sheriffdom of Forfar ; and that third part of the Mains of Crewchie, with pertinents, presently occupied by George Cochrane, lying in the lordship of Scone and sheriffdom of Perth ; reserving to the said Gilbert Ramsay his life-rent of the barony of Bamff and other lands foresaid, and to Elizabeth Blaire his spouse her life-rent of Easter Mawis, Hiltoun of Mawis, Pittdrey, Kinkedlie, Little Bamff, Newton of Bamff, sunny third part of the lands of Foyell, easter, middle, and wester third parts of Auchteralyth. One of the infeftments is to contain the lands of Benathie and Couparmacultie and teinds thereof, held of the grantor blench, and of the superiors for £10 9*s*. Scots (for Benathie), " five merks sterling " (for Cowpermacultie), and £7 7*s*. Scots " as ane pairt of the blensche dewtie of tua hundreth poundis money forsaid conteined in the chartour and infeftment made to James, Lord of Cowpar, upon the lordschip of Cowpar with the pertinentis, togither with the annuitie dew furth of the teyndis of the landis abouewritin and that proportionallie and *pro rata* effeiring to

the rate and quantitie of the saidis teyndis of the landis above-specifeit, as also payand yeirlie to the minister serveing the cuire (charge, cure of souls) at the kirk of Benathie and his successouris ministeris therat of ane yeirlie dewtie of ten bollis thrie firlottis victuall tua pairt oatemeall and thrid pairt beare to be delyverit yeirlie betuixt the feistis of Yule and Candelmes with the commone measour of the burgh of Perth, and the sowme of tua hundreth tuentie merkis money forsaid at the saidis termes of Whitsonday and Mertimes, be equall portiones in pairt of payment of the modifiet stipend dew to them for serveing the cuire (charge) at the said kirk allanerly". The other infeftment is to contain these lands and also the lands and barony of Bamff and others foresaid, to be held of the grantor from his superiors in the same manner as he now holds the same. There is excepted from the warrandice of these lands an annualrent of £240 disponed by the said Gilbert Ramsay to Patrick Robertsone of Littletoun of Rattray, "to be liftit and uptaine furth of all and sundrie the landis and utheris abouedesignit or furth of ony pairt therof", payment of which is suspended during the lifetime of the said Jean Ramsay, Lady Cowtie, and is redeemable for 6,000 merks conform to reversion by the said Gilbert to the said Patrick Robertsone; with the burden of which principal sum the said Thomas Ramsay accepts the disposition of the lands and barony of Bamff, etc. Also, during the lifetime of the said Jean Ramsay, and in compensation for the lands and acres foresaid of which she is life-rentrix, the said Thomas and Jean and their heirs are to have the lands of Ardormie, Hiltoun of Bamff, third part lands of Drumflognies, and mill and Milton of Foyell, with the mill-lands and pertinents, but reserving to the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff the mill and Milton of Foyell for the first four years, if Lady Cowtie live all that time, and if she die, reserving to him the two pendicles of Couparmacultie called the Hill of Couparmacultie and Foulfoord, with teinds, and duties payable by the

possessors of the mill of Bauchrie, until the issue of the said four years; and he sets in tack to them the teinds of the said lands of Ardormie, etc. during the lifetime of the said Lady Cowtie for payment to the grantor of eight pounds Scots. The said Gilbert and Thomas warrant the lands of Benathie and Coupermacultie, with teinds, to be worth yearly, free of feu maills and duties, 13 chalders of victual and 1,200 merks money; and the lands of Ardormie, Hiltown of Bamff, Drumflognies and Foyell foresaid, worth 16 bolls of victual and 1,000 merks of money. If Thomas Ramsay predecease, then Jean Lumsden is to set in tack to the children of the marriage and to their bodily heirs (excluding all other heirs and assignees) the mill and Milton of Foyell during Jean Ramsay's lifetime and after the latter's decease the two pendicles of Coupermacultie called the Hill of Couparmacultie and Fowlfoord, with teinds, and the duties of the mill of Bauchrie, during the said Jean Lumsden's lifetime, for 3*s.* 4*d.* payable at Martinmas yearly " in name of meall allanerly "; and if the children predecease their mother, this tack to become void. For present support the Laird of Bamff assigns to the said Thomas and Jean the half of all rents and duties payable by the tenants of the lands of Bennathie, and pendicle thereof called Muirhead, and of the said pendicles of Cuparmacultie called the Hill thereof and Foulfoord, teinds and mill dues foresaid, and of the lands of Ardormie, Hilton of Bamff, and third part of Drumflognies, for crop 1656 " and yeirly therefter dureing thair right thairto ". And because the deceased Robert (Crichton), Bishop of Dunkeld, granted tack to the deceased George Ramsay, " guidschir " to the said Gilbert Ramsay now of Bamff, and his nearest heir served to him, and then to the nearest heir of the said heir, and thereafter for 19 years, of the teind sheaves of the lands and barony of Bamff, towns and lands of Auchteralyth and Waterschellis, for 28 merks 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly, which Tack is dated . . . 1584, which lease the Commissioners of Teinds by their Decreet of Prorogation dated

28th February 1618 extended for 101 years for additional payment to the minister of Alyth of 9 bolls of victual; and because Alexander (Lindsay), Bishop of Dunkeld, granted tack to the deceased Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, father of the said Gilbert now of Bamff, and his heirs and assignees and subtenants, of the teindsheaves of the town and lands of Ardormie, with pertinents, then occupied by Archibald Cumyng, Patrick Ramsay, William Reid, John Miller and David Lownie, for 19 years, for payment of £7 to the bishop and chapter of Dunkeld and a proportion of stipend to the minister of Alyth, which Tack is dated . . . 1624: The said Gilbert Ramsay now of Bamff, as heir to his said goodsir and assignee to his said father, assigns and dispones to the said Thomas Ramsay and his heirs male and assignees the foresaid whole teinds for the terms yet to run, with the foresaid titles and evidents, for payment of the duties above mentioned, reserving his life-rent of the teindsheaves of the lands and barony of Bamff, and lands of Auchteralyth, Watershellis and Craighead, and reserving to Elizabeth Blaire her life-rent of the teindsheaves of the lands of Pittdrey, Kinkedlie, Litle Bamff, Newton of Bamff, " sunny syd thrid pairt landis of Foyell ", and town and lands of Auchteralyth. For all which, Sir James Lumsden promises to pay, in name of tocher with his said daughter Jean, to the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff the sum of £10,000 Scots, with £1,000 of penalty in case of default, and also assigns to him the sum of 3,000 merks as part of 5,000 merks due to him by William Ruthven of Dunglais conform to his bond; which two sums are in full of all other provision for his said daughter, or claim that she can make. If there be only female issue of the marriage, one daughter shall be "provided" by the said Thomas to the amount of £12,000; if more than one, to the amount of £20,000, divisible thus, 14,000 merks to the eldest, 8,000 merks to the second, the remainder equally among the rest, at their age of 16; " and in the meanetyme, whill (until) the saidis dochteris ane or mae atteine

to the age of sexteine yeiris to susteine interteine and educat the saidis (*sic*) in meat, claith, bed, boord, in abulzieamentis and at the schoolis, honourablie and verteouslie according to thair estait upon the said Thomas and his saidis airis male of tailyie and provisione thair awne proper chargis and expensis ". John Dow, schoolmaster at Blaire, writes the contract; and witnesses are, Sir Philip Anstruther of that Ilk, Patrick Blaire of Dunkennie, Master John Blaire, brother german to the Laird of Bethaike (Balthyock); Master George Gray, servitor to the said Sir James Lumsdane, and Robert Lumsdaine, son of the said Sir James, and Master Alexander Edward, minister at Dunninald. [Signed] " G. R. Bamffe; Ja. Lumsdaine; J. Lumsdaine; T. Ramsay; Jain Lumsdain; P. Anstruther, vitnes; P. Blair of Dunkenny, witnes; Johne Blaire, witnes; Ro. Lumsdaine, wittnes; George Gray, witnes; Master Al. Edward, witnes."

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MARRIAGE CONTRACT between David Ramsay of Jordanstone and Margaret Ramsay, dau. of Gilbert R. of Bamff: 24th April 1657.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Alyth, 24th April 1657, between David Ramsay of Jurdanstoun, on the one part, and Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, and Margaret Ramsay, his eldest daughter, on the other part, for the marriage of the said David and Margaret. For this purpose David Ramsay obliges himself to obtain himself duly served and retoured infeft and seased as heir to the deceased Alexander Ramsay of Jurdanstoun, his father, in the lands of Jurdanstoun, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Ballindoch and sheriffdom of Perth, and in the lands of Balharrie, with mill thereof, mill lands and duties; and to infeft his said promised spouse, in her virginity, in life-rent in the said lands and mill of Balharrie (reserving to Eupham Beaton, mother of the said David,

her life-rent thereof), and to give her a tack of the teinds of the said lands and mill-lands of Balharrie, during her lifetime, after his and his mother's decease. If he predecease the said Margaret Ramsay, and there be children of the marriage, the said Margaret on marrying again shall be held to set in tack to the said children that third part of the said lands of Balharrie now occupied by William Huntar, to endure for her lifetime, they paying 30*s*. 4*d*. of tack duty therefor. For her provision till the death of his mother, the said David is to infeft the said Margaret in the half of the lands of Jurdanstoun, with teinds and pertinents, and " with the comontie usit and wont in and upon the moores lyand betuix the saidis landis and the burne of Alyth ". For which cause Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff has now paid to the said David Ramsay, and to certain of his creditors at his direction, in name of tocher, the sum of 6,000 merks, to be in full satisfaction of all the said Margaret can lawfully claim from her said father or Elizabeth Blair her mother at their deceases. If there be only daughters of the marriage, and if the said David hereafter marry another wife by whom he has male issue, or if he entail the estates to heirs male only, then he shall provide to one daughter 6,000 merks, to two daughters 10,000 merks (the elder 6,000 merks and the younger 4,000 merks), to three or more daughters 12,000 merks (the eldest 5,000 merks, and 7,000 merks equally among the rest), payable to them at 16 years of age. If the said Margaret die within two years of the marriage, having no surviving issue, the dowry is to be returned. Thomas Whitsone, servitor to Donald Crokat, notary, writes the deed; witnesses being, Gilbert Lambie in Balharrie, Master John Rattray, minister of Alyth, George Nairn of Tullyfergus, Alexander Nairne, fiar of Tullyfergus, his son, Patrick Robertson of Litiltoun, Master John Rettray, younger, minister at Ruthven, John Ramsay at the Mill of Quich, and James Ramsay, brother german to David R. of Jurdanstone. [Signed] " D. Ramsay of Jurdinston; G. R. Bamffe; G. Lammy, witnes;

M. J. Rattray, witnes; Geo. Nairne, witnes; A. Nairne, vitnes; M. J. Rattray, vitnes; Jhone Ramsay, vitnes; Ja. Ramsay, witnes; P. Robertsone, witnes."

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LIFE-RENT CHARTER BY DAVID RAMSAY of Jordanstone to Margaret Ramsay, his future spouse, of the lands of Balhary: 24th April 1657. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CHARTER by David Ramsay of Jurdanstoun, in implement of his Contract of Marriage of this date, to Margaret Ramsay, his future spouse, eldest lawful daughter of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, in life-rent, of the lands and mill of Balharrie, reserving his mother's life-rent as before narrated. Written by Thomas Whitsone, servitor to Donald Crokat, notary, and dated at Alyth, 24th April 1657; witnesses, Gilbert Lammy in Balharrie, Master John Rattray, minister at Alyth, George Nairne of Tullyfergus, and Patrick Robertsone of Litiltoune of Rattray. (Signatures.)

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CONTRACT between Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and Jean Lumsden, his daughter-in-law, about her provision in widowhood: 28th October 1658. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Dundee, 28th October 1658, between Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, on the one part, and Jean Lumsdaine, lawful daughter of Sir James Lumsdaine of Innergellie, knight, and widow of Thomas Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, with consent of her said father, on the other part, referring to Marriage Contract, 2nd October 1656 (No. 256 *supra*), "and seing it pleased God that there was no airis male procreat betuixt the said deceist Thomas Ramsay and the said Jeane Lumsden in the said mariage, bot only on daughter called Elizabethe Ramsay, wha be the richt and provisione above

writtin contained in the said contract of mariadge hes richt to the foirenamed sowme of tuelff thowsand pundis monie forsaid", and for "clearing and tacking away of all contraversies and questiones that might heireftir arryse betuixt the saidis pairties upone the said contract, or for ony uther occasione bygone", it is agreed that the said Jean Lumsden shall resign and dispone to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff her life-rent and conjunct fee of the lands of Bennathie (Bendochy) and Couparmacultie (Coutty), fishings on the water of Illa, teinds of the said lands, mill duties of Bauchrie, lands of Ardownie (*lege* Ardormie), Hilton of Bamff, and third part of Drumflognies, and mill and Milton of Foyell, provided to her by the foresaid Marriage Contract, reserving the tack ordained by the said contract to be set to the children of the marriage of the mill and Milton of Foyell, etc. as therein provided, with the burden of which the Laird of Bamff accepts this disposition; and for all this the said Gilbert Ramsay assigns to her the sum of £10,000, and the sum of 3,000 merks respectively mentioned in the said contract, as to be paid by her father, Sir James Lumsden, in name of tocher, and this in full of all claim upon the said Gilbert for maintenance of herself "or yit for the interteinment of the said Elizabethe Ramsay hir said daughter with hir, the space quherof salbe in the said Jeane hir optioune, sua that the samen space be but at the fardest of the said Elizabethe hir aige of sevine yeiris, att the quhilk tyme of the said Elizabethe hir aige of sevine yeiris, or sooner in the optione of the said Jeane Lumsdaine iff it sall pleis hir to requyre and desyre the said Gilbert Ramsay to receave the said Elizabethe Ramsay his oy (granddaughter) fra hir said mother, the said Gilbert Ramsay obleissis him to accept and receave the said Elizabethe Ramsay his oy in howshold familie with himselff, and to sustein interteine and educat hir at bed board abulziamentis and at the shooles according to hir estait during the nocht payment of the said sowme of twelff thowsand pundis monie forsaid to

the said Elizabethe Ramsay as only daughter procreat betuixt the said deceist Thomas Ramsay and the said Jeane Lumsdaine ". And for the said Elizabeth's security as to the said sum of £12,000 the said Laird of Bamff obliges himself before 11th November 1660 to obtain confirmation from the superiors of the charter he granted to his son Thomas and the said Jean Lumsden upon the lands of Bennathie, etc., dated 25th October 1656, and the sasine following thereupon of the same date.

This deed is written by John Pattillo, notary; witnesses, Patrick Robertsone of Litletoune, Andrew Symsone, clerk of Anstruther Eister, William Henrysone, writer in Dundee, and the said John Pattillo. [Signed] " Jean Lumsdain; G. R. Bamffe; S. Ja. Lumsdaine "; and by the witnesses.

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MARRIAGE CONTRACT between John Robertson and Elizabeth Rattray: 27th February 1661. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Rannagullane (Rannagulzion), 27th February 1661, between John Robertsone in Wester Blattoune (Bleaton), brother german of Alexander Robertsone of Midle Dounie, on the one part, and David Rattray of Rannagullane, and Elizabeth Rattray, his lawful daughter, on the other part, for the marriage of the said John Robertson and Elizabeth Rattray; for which purpose the said John Robertson obliges himself, with consent and advice of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and the said David Rattray for the part of the said Elizabeth, and of the said Alexander Robertson of Midle Douny and Leonard Robertson of Wester Straeloch for the part of the said John, to bestow upon sufficient lands or annualrents the sum of £3,000 Scots, and obtain infeftment, so that the said Elizabeth may always enjoy the life-rent thereof, she undertaking to renounce her life-rent of 500 merks of the said principal sum, if he predecease her, to the children

begotten between them. David Rattray her father promises to pay £1,000 as tocher with her to the said John Robertson, in full of all she can claim by her father's death or that of Isobel Ramsay his spouse, her mother. If the said Elizabeth dies within three years of the marriage, without surviving issue, the tocher is to be refunded. Written by Thomas Whitsone, writer at Litiltoune; witnesses, James Rattray, lawful son of the said David, Patrick Robertsone of Litiltoune, and the said Thomas Whitsone. [Signed] "Johne Ro^tsone; D. R. Rannaguff.; J. Rattray, vitnes; P. Robertsone, witnes; Th. Whitsone, witnes."

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MARRIAGE CONTRACT between Harry Smyth of Glaswell and Annas Ramsay, daughter of Gilbert R. of Bamff: 17th March 1661. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Bamffe, 17th March 1661, between Harry Smyth of Glaswall, son and apparent heir of the deceased John Smyth of Glaswall, on the one part, and Gilbert Ramsay of Bamffe, and Annas Ramsay his lawful daughter, on the other part, for the marriage of the said Harry and Annas; for which purpose Harry Smyth is to obtain himself served heir to his father and infeft in the Kirklands of Kirkhill of Meigill (Belmont), with pertinents, in the barony of Dunkeld, and the lands of Balmakrone, with pertinents, in the barony of Meigill, in the sheriffdom of Perth, the lands of Camnay and two pendicles thereof called Dyktoune and Broomend, with mill and mill-lands of Camnay, in the barony and parish of Megill, and then to infeft the said Annas Ramsay in life-rent in that part of the lands of Camnay presently occupied by Beattoune sometime goodwife of Souttar-houses, that part thereof presently occupied by Robert Chrystie, that part presently occupied by Thomas Aisone, and those parts

thereof presently occupied by John Dawling, William Low, John Chrystie, John Bennet, Andrew Swane, Francis Swane, John Carmylie, elder, John Carmylie, younger, Andrew Owen, Andrew Mertyne, William Dawling, John Makie, David Duthie, John Wreicht, John Pypper, Marion Ross, Robert Mitchell, John Baxter, Janet Duncaysone, and James Moram; also the corn-mill of Camnay, and mill-lands thereof, presently occupied by Robert Watsone, and that part of the lands of Camnay also occupied by the said Robert; also the commonty of Pilmor, Quhythillis and Greinmyre pertaining to the said lands by use and wont. She is also to intromit with the parsonage teinds of her life-rent lands, for payment to the minister of Meigill yearly of 14 bolls of victual. And seeing the manor-place of Camnay " is altogidder demolished and na houss presentlie thairupone quherintill the said Annas Ramsay may dwell and have hir actuall residence " during widowhood, the said Harry Smyth undertakes at his own expense " to construct, edifie and build ane sufficient dwelling hous at the said maner plaice of Camnay with all necessar easmentis therintill . . . the edifieing quherof not exceiding the worth and awaill of four hundreth markis money Scottis ". Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff promises to pay to the said Harry Smyth in name of tocher with the said Annas the sum of 8,000 merks, in full of all she can claim by her father's decease, or that of Elizabeth Blair her mother, and likewise in full of all sums hitherto provided to her, viz. 2,000 merks whereunto the said Gilbert Ramsay and the deceased Thomas Ramsay his son, fiar of Bamff, provided her and did infeft her in an annual rent of £80 upliftable from their lands and barony of Bamffe, conform to their Bond of Provision to her dated 28th October 1656, and sasine following thereupon; which 2,000 merks is hereby renounced in favour of the said Gilbert. This deed is written by Thomas Whitsone, writer at Litiltoune, and witnesses are, Alexander Nairne, fiar of Tullyfergus, Patrick Robertsone of Litiltoune, the

said Thomas Whitsone, and James Ramsay, lawful son of the said Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff. [Signed] "H. Smyth; G. R. Bamffe; P. Robertsone, witnes; Th. Whitsone, witnes."

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LIFE-RENT CHARTER BY HARRY SMYTH of Glaswell to Annas Ramsay, of part of the lands of Camno: 27th March 1661.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Harry Smyth of Glaswall to Annas Ramsay, his future spouse, in life-rent, of parts of the lands of Camnay, etc., conform to the previous contract. Written by Thomas Whitsone, and dated at Meigill, 27th March 1661; witnesses, David Hunter in Potento, David Steill there, and Patrick Robertsone of Litiltoune.

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DUPLICATE, holding of the grantor. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

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SASINE following thereupon: same date.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 27th March 1661; given to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff as attorney for the said Annas, his daughter, of the parts of the lands of Camnay, etc. disponed to her in life-rent by Harry Smyth of Glaswall, her promised husband, in terms of the foregoing charters. William Fullartoune of that Ilk gives infeftment, on the ground of the lands about 11 a.m., in presence of David Steill in Potento, Thomas Blair in Myresyd of Kirkhill, Andrew Mirlyne in Camnay, and James Duncane, servitor to the said Harry Smyth.

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CONTRACT between Gilbert Ogilvie of the Craig and John Ogilvy, for a wadset of the lands of Shealwalls, etc.: 22nd and 31st May 1661. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Cortachie, 22nd May, and at Alyth, 31st May, 1661, between Gilbert Ogilvy of Craigis, with consent of James, Earl of Airlie, James, Lord Ogilvy, and Dame Anna Crichtoune, wife of the said Gilbert, for their interests, on the one part, and John Ogilvie, eldest lawful son of the deceased John Ogilvie in Alyth, on the other part, whereby for the sum of 2,500 merks paid to the said Gilbert by the said John Ogilvie, and Janet Watsone, his mother, in his name, the said Gilbert Ogilvie obliges himself to infeft the said John Ogilvie and his heirs and assignees in the lands of Shealwallis, with houses, yards, meadows, mosses, pasturage, etc., presently occupied by James Thomsone and his subtenants, lying in the barony of Bamffe and sheriffdom of Perth; also the lands of Wester Boigsyd (Bogside), with pertinents, presently possessed by John Storrer and William Forrester, lying in the lordship of Coupar and said sheriffdom; also that part of the lands of Inschok called Thomsemedow "with the girse (grass) and haill pertinentis perteining thairto in swa far as the samen is presentlie occupeit and possest be the saidis tennantis of Westir Boigsyd"; and in warrandice thereof, in the lands of Inschok, with pertinents, lying in the barony of Innerqueich and sheriffdom of Perth. The lands of Shealwallis are to be held of the grantor in feufarm for the sum of (the default in payment of which shall be no cause of nullity), and the lands of Wester Boigsyd and Thomsemedow of the grantor blench, and the lands of Wester Boigsyd paying also to the superior 46*s.* 8*d.* and a dozen of poultry, and paying also to keeper of the Abbey of Holyroodhouse, £8

used to be paid from the said lands to him. The said Gilbert also sets in tack to the said John the teinds of the whole foresaid lands, during non-redemption, for payment to the minister of Alyth of a boll of victual, and paying also 5 merks 6*s*. 8*d*. of tack duty to the person having best right. The said John Ogilvie is to grant a letter of reversion hereupon to the said Gilbert, so that the latter may redeem the lands for 2,500 merks, but not within seven years. The writer is Thomas Whitsone. Signed at Cortachie by the Earl of Airlie, witnesses being Andrew Richard, his servitor, and John Tailyeour, servitor to the said Gilbert Ogilvy; and at Alyth by the said Gilbert and John Ogilvy, in presence of John Rattray in Halyeardis, Patrick Robertsone of Litiltoune, Alexander Crichtone in Inschok, and the said Thomas Whitsone. [Signed] "G. Ogilvy; John Ogilvy"; and by the witnesses. (No signatures of Airlie or Lord Ogilvie.)

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CHARTER BY GILBERT OGILVY of the Craig to John Ogilvy of the lands of Shealwalls, etc.: 22nd and 31st May and 13th June 1661. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by the said Gilbert Ogilvie of Craigs to the said John Ogilvie, in terms of the above contract, of the lands of Shealwalls, Wester Bogside, and Thomsemedow; dated at Cortachie, Alyth and Craig, 22nd and 31st May and 13th June 1661; witnesses, to the Earl of Airlie's subscription at Cortachie on 22nd May, Andrew Richard his servitor and John Talzeor the grantor's servitor; to Gilbert and John's signatures at Alyth, 31st May, John Rattray in Halyeards, Patrick Robertson of Litiltoune, Alexander Crichtoun in Inschok, and Thomas Whitsone; at Craig, 13th June, to Anna Crichton's subscription, John Ogilvie in Newcraig, and Patrick Crokat in Alyth. (Signatures.)

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SASINE following thereupon: 27th July 1661.
(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 27th July 1661, given to Patrick Crokatt in Alyth as attorney for the said John Ogilvie, of the foresaid lands of Shealwalls, etc., in terms of the foregoing charter. Alexander Smyth in Alyth gives infeftment, upon the ground of the lands about 4 p.m., in presence of James Talzeor in Eister Boigsyd, William Forrester and John Storrer in Wester Boigsyd, and George Blak in Litiltoune.

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SASINE OF MARGARET RAMSAY in the lands of Balhary, on life-rent charter by her husband David Ramsay of Jordanstone: 22nd July 1662. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 22nd July 1662, given to John Ramsay of Bastardbank as attorney for Margaret Ramsay, spouse to David Ramsay of Jurdanstoune, of the lands of Balharrye and mill thereof, with pertinents, and reservation as recited in the said David's life-rent charter to her (No. 258 *supra*). William Huntar in Balharrie gives infeftment, on the ground of the lands and mill about 2 p.m. in presence of David Broune in Balharrie, George Rattray there, Alexander Ramsay there, and James Crokatt, miller at the mill of Balharrie. Thomas Whitsone, clerk of the diocese of Dunkeld, is notary.

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RATIFICATION of No. 255 *supra*: 1st October 1662.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

IN "the court of the brugh and barronie of Alythe holdin within the counsell hous therof be Johne Pattillo in Morendie, baillie therof", upon 1st October 1662, compeared John Ramsay sometime in Whytsyd and now in Leitfie, and Margaret Rettray his spouse, and also Captain John Ogilvie sometime in Haltoune of Inneraritie and now of Whytsyd, and the said John and Margaret separately and conjointly judicially ratified the Assignation (No. 255 *supra*) made by them to the said Captain John Ogilvie of the town and lands of Wester Whytsyd of Alyth, subject to a reversion containing the sum of 1,700 merks. Extracted by James Soutter, notary, clerk of the said court.

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RENUNCIATION BY GILBERT RAMSAY of Bamff to James Geddie, of the third part of Welton of Creuchies: 30th December [1662 ?].

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

RENUNCIATION by Gilbert Ramsay of Bamffe, reciting a contract of wadset dated at Alyth, 18th December 1652 (No. 251 *supra*), whereby James Geddie, portioner of Weltoun of Creuchie, Agnes Suit his spouse, and James Geddie his eldest son, disponed to him the third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Cruchie, under reversion for 500 merks; and now the said James Geddie, younger, having paid to the said Gilbert the principal sum, the said Gilbert resigns and renounces his right to the foresaid lands. James Soutar, notary, writes the deed, which is dated at Bamffe, 30th December [1662 ?]; witnesses, Harry Smyth of Glaswell, Alexander Rattray of Dallvillane, Thomas . . . (part of the deed torn away). Registered 28th February 1663.

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ASSIGNATION by David Spalding and Margaret Campbell to Andrew Spalding of Ashintully of half of the sunny half lands of Morganstone: 2nd February 1664. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISPOSITION and Assignation by David Spalding in Corydone, and Margaret Campbell, his spouse, reciting a Contract of Marriage dated at Coupar-Angus, 26th January 1639, between the deceased Laurence Mercer of Meiklowr and the deceased John Mercer his eldest lawful son and apparent heir, for themselves, and taking burden for the deceased Jean Mercer, lawful daughter of the said deceased Laurence, on the one part, and Archibald Campbell of Persie, and the deceased Colin Campbell his eldest lawful son and apparent heir, with consent of the deceased Margaret Inglis, wife of the said Archibald, on the other part, for the marriage of the said Colin Campbell and Jean Mercer, wherein the said Archibald Campbell obliged himself to make resignation in the hands of Andrew Gray of Drumelye, his superior, of the town and lands of Morgunstoun, and the brewtack thereof called the Burnesyd, with houses, pertinents, mosses, pasturage, fishings, "and headrowme in the Water of Ericht", for new infeftment to himself and his spouse in life-rent and the heirs male of their bodies, whom failing, to the said Colin Campbell their son and his heirs male by the said Jean Mercer, whom failing, the said Colin's heirs male and assignees whomsoever, reserving power to the said Archibald to wadset the same for 1,200 merks for behoof of his children or otherwise. Thereafter the said Archibald by his Obligation dated . . . for help of his daughters Eupham and Margaret Campbell, begotten between him and Margaret Inglis, bound himself to infeft them equally in the sunny half of the foresaid subjects, and half of the teinds, reserving life-rent, under reversion for 1,200 merks. Now Andrew Spalding of

Aschintully has paid a certain sum of money to the said David Spalding and Margaret Campbell, for which they assign to him the foresaid wadset to the extent of 600 merks, being the said Margaret's half. Master Thomas Molyssoun, notary, writes the deed, which is dated at Kirkmichell, 2nd February 1664; witnesses, Robert M^{c}Intoish of Dalvougzie, Alexander Rattray of Dalrilzean, David Rattray in Dalrilzean, and the said Mr. Thomas Molyssoun.

(The deed is becoming fragile.)

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DISCHARGE BY HARRY SMYTH of Camno to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff for part of tocher: 22nd June 1664.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISCHARGE by Harry Smyth of Camnay, acknowledging receipt from Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff of 4,000 merks as the half of 8,000 merks, which was promised in name of tocher with Annes Ramsay, his daughter, conform to their Contract of Marriage (No. 261 *supra*). James Soutar, notary, writes the deed, dated at Bamffe, 22nd June 1664; witnesses, Alexander Crichtone in Inschoche, and the said James Soutar. [Signed] "H. Smyth off Camno."

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REGISTERED BOND by Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and James R. his son to Elizabeth Ramsay for £12,000: 12th December 1664, and 11th January 1665. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

REGISTRATION at Edinburgh, 18th February 1674, of Bond by Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, for himself and as administrator to James Ramsay his lawful son and apparent heir, reciting a Contract of Marriage between the said Gilbert and the deceased Thomas Ramsay of Bamffe on the one part and Sir James Lumsdane of Innergellie and Jean Lumsden his daughter on the other

part, dated 2nd October 1656, whereby it was provided that if there were no heirs male of the marriage but only daughters, the said deceased Thomas should provide for one daughter £12,000 Scots, £20,000 if more than one; and by another contract between the said Gilbert Ramsay and the said Jean Lumsden dated at Dundee, 28th October 1658, for behoof of Elizabeth Ramsay, only daughter of the marriage, the said Gilbert was before 11th November 1660 to obtain confirmation of the charter granted by him to the said deceased Thomas and the said Jean Lumsden. Now Sir James Lumsden and his daughter, "for inkeeping of charges and expensses to me the said Gilbert Ramsay and att my earnest desyre", are content to forgo confirmation as above on this present undertaking, therefore the said Gilbert and James oblige themselves to pay to the said Elizabeth Ramsay the sum of £12,000 at the first term after she attains the age of sixteen, under a penalty of £1,000. This deed is written by John Farmer, servitor to Andrew Symsone, clerk of Anstruther, and dated at Eliot (Alyth ?), 12th December 1664; witnesses, at Eliot, James Chrichtone of Ruthens (Ruthven), Thomas Grahame of Pollento (Potento), James Souter, notary, to Gilbert Ramsay's subscription; and Master Alexander Pitcairne and Master David Guthrie, students, William Fithie, servitor to the said James Ramsay of Bamff, and Andrew Sympsone, witnesses to the subscription of the said James Ramsay "at St. Leners Colledge" (St. Leonard's, St. Andrews), 11th January 1665.

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ASSIGNATION BY JAMES RATTRAY to John Rattray of Boirland (Boreland) of a tack of one-sixth part of Drumheads: 22nd January 1666. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISPOSITION and Assignation by James Rattray, eldest lawful son and heir of the deceased John Rattray, sometime in Corb, thereafter in Drumflognies, reciting contract, dated 12th May

1648, between Gilbert Ogilvie of Craigis and the said John Rattray (No. 247 *supra*) for a tack to the said John of the sixth part of the lands of Drumflognies ; and now John Rattray of Boirland (Boreland) in Straithairdill and Isobel Ramsay his spouse having paid to the said James Rattray, as son and heir foresaid, the sum of 800 merks, the latter assigns to them and their heirs, whom failing, to John Rattray, his eldest lawful son and apparent heir, the foresaid tack and wadset, with the sum contained therein, subject to payment to the minister of Glenylla of £3 1*s.* 4*d.* of teind duty. This assignation to them in conjunct fee and life-rent is declared " to be given and grantit be the said Johne Rattray, lykas shoe be hir acceptatione heirof acceptis the samen, in satisfactione of the sowmes of money and yeirlie proffeitt therof quhilk the said Johne Rattray of Boirland hir husband is obleist to prowyd to hir be their contract of mariage, *pro tanto* ". Written by Thomas Whitsone, notary ; the deed is dated at Blair in Gourie, 22nd January 1666 ; witnesses, David Rattray of Rannagullane, William Rattray apparent of Boirland in Blaklounance (Blacklunnans), Patrick Jonstoune, servitor to the said Thomas Whitsone, and Andrew Buttar, student in Blair, and Alexander Robertson, apparent of Douny.

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Assignation by same to same of a sixth and third part of Drumheads : same date. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Disposition and Assignation by the said James Rattray to the said John Rattray of Boirland and his spouse, for 2,450 merks, of a contract between the deceased Alexander Ramsay of Jurdanstone (with George Nairne of Tullyfergus, Master John Rattray, minister at Alyth, and deceased Alexander Ramsay at Mill of Innerqueich, as cautioners) on the one part, and the deceased John Rattray, father of the said James, on the other part, dated

at Alyth, 15th April 1638, setting in tack from the said Alexander Ramsay to the said deceased John Rattray the sixth part of the lands of Drumflognies, then occupied by the deceased John Spalding, " whilk perteined of old to umquhill Thomas Ogilvie ", and the third part of the towns and lands of Drumflognies, occupied by John Ogilvie, Finlay Reach, and John Rattray, the tack duty being the interest on 2,450 merks for which the subjects were redeemable, and the lands themselves; and this conjoint infeftment is to be counted as part of the said Isobel Ramsay's provision, as in the preceding. Same date and witnesses.

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DECREET in reference to the glebe of Master John Ramsay, minister at Blair: 23rd February 1666. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

DECREET, given at Edinburgh, 23rd February 1666, anent letters of suspension raised at the instance of David Ireland of Parkhead, George Chalmers, portioner of Bauchrie, James Blair of Glasclune, Alexander Hendersone, his tenant in the Boiges, James Turnbull, portioner of Waltoun, and tenant also of the sixth part thereof, and Alexander Robertson, elder and younger of Downie, against Marjorie Grahame, life-rentrix of Newtoun of Blair, and Major James Stewart now her spouse, for his interest, who charged the suspenders to make payment to them as follows, viz. to the said David Ireland 10*s.* Scots, to George Chalmers 14*s.*, to James Blair and Alexander Andersone (*sic*) 4*s.* 11*d.*, to James Turnbull 4*s.*, and to the Robertsons 22*s.* as part of the rent and duty " of ane aiker and eighteen ellis [1] of land alledgit taken of the said Marjorie Grahame her lyferent lands of Blair and designed to Master John Ramsay then minister att Blair for making up of the extent of the gleib, quhilk the minister wanted befor to be four aikers of land compleit, conforme to the act of Parliament ", and that

[1] The Scots ell of land was 37 inches or 3 ft. 1 in. Acts of James VI, 1426; Jamieson.

for each year since 1650 to 1665 both inclusive, and in time coming during the said Marjorie's lifetime; with expenses, in terms of decreet against the heritors of the parish of Blair, given by the Sheriff of Perth on 30th August last. Suspension is craved because (besides their not having been lawfully called for their defence) Master Harry Drumond, heritor of a great part of the lands lying within the parish of Blair, has provided the minister to the foresaid 1 acre and 18 ells, whereby the minister has a competent glebe, "*et nihill illi deest*, and consequentlie the said pretendit decreit is purchest against the saids suspenders upon ane false ground, lykas the said Master Henrie Drumond hes sumonds and action intentit and depending against the saids suspenders for his releiff of the said aiker and eighteen ells of land"; secondly, the decreet is null and void as given against David Ireland and James Turnbull, because Master Thomas Lundie of , "master and heritor of ane part of the lands quherout the releiff is craved", is not called, and dwells in Forfarshire, beyond the Sheriff of Perth's jurisdiction, and it is a question of heritage, and whereas Cap. 199, Parl. 14 of King James VI directs heritors out of whose lands the manses or glebes are designed to have relief of the remanent parishioners, who are tacksmen or feuars of kirklands within the parish, yet in this case none of the suspenders have any kirklands in the parish of Blair, and consequently the chargers can have no relief from them. Besides, the division and stent (stint) made upon them is unequal and unjust. Thirdly, George Chalmers, James Turnbull, and Alexander Robertson, heritors of part of the lands in question, have but lately acquired the same, "within these tuo or thrie yeires", and can only be held to pay for the years they have been in possession. The suspenders compearing by Master David Dunmure, advocate, their procurator, and Marjorie Grahame and her spouse compearing by Master David Falconer, advocate, the Lords find the letters at the instance of the said Marjorie Grahame and Major Stewart

orderly proceeded, and decern the suspenders to pay the foresaid sums: "Becaus the tyme of the calling of the said matter the said Master David Dunmure, procurator for the saids suspenders, repeitted and resumed the forsaids reasones of suspension, and alledgit that the forsaid decreit charged one is null becaus the said Marjorie Grahame charger who is onlie a lyferentrix can be in no better caice then the heritor who aught to have borne a proportion himselff; 2do the charger as lyferentrix could never have persewed the suspenders for ther alledgit proportiones to make up her lyferent, but aught to have persewit the aires of umquhill George Drumond her first husband for making up therof; 3tio the decreit charged one is null becaus it is manifest that the said Marjorie Grahame charger hes colludit with the minister in suffering him to evict her lands without proponeing any defence against him, wheras she had a most impregnable defence, viz. that ther wes Abdeanrie lands in the paroschin which are first lyable befor the chargers lands could have been lyable, and therfor, etc. Quhairunto it wes ansuerit be the said Master David Falconer, advocat, procurator for the chargers, that to the haill reasones of suspension abouewrittin, and alledgeance proponed in fortificatione therof, he opponed the forsaid decreit charged one, obtained *in foro contentiosissimo*, wherin the forsaid alledgeance is competent and omitted, and the samen amongst so many is bot *minime momenti*."

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Diploma to Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, conferring the title and dignity of Knight Baronet: 3rd December 1666. *Parchment.*

"Carolus Dei gratia Scotiæ Angliæ Franciæ et Hiberniæ Rex fideique defensor, omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quos præsentes literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse contulisse et collocasse, tenoreque præsentium dare concedere

conferre et collocare in dilectum nostrum Gilbertum Ramsay de Banff ac hæredes masculos ex ejus corpore legitime procreatos seu procreandos Titulum et honorem Militis Baronetti in hoc antiquo regno nostro Scotiæ, unacum omnibus honoribus privilegiis libertatibus dignitatibus et immunitatibus eo pertinentibus et spectantibus, similiter ac eadem omnino juris libertate et amplitudine in omnibus respectibus sicuti quicunque alius Miles Baronettus in eodem regno nostro similem titulum prius possedit et gavisus est, vel in posterum ob quamcunque causam possidere frui aut gaudere poterit, deque brevitate et generalitate præmissorum dispensavimus tenoreque præsentium dispensamus in perpetuum. Mandamus porro Leoni nostro Regi Armorum ejusque fratribus fecialibus ut tale additamentum insignium præsentibus armis memorati Gilberti Ramsay de Banff ut in similibus casibus usitatum est dent et præscribant. In cujus rei testimonium præsentibus magnum sigillum nostrum appendi præcepimus, apud aulam nostram de Whythall tertio die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo sexagesimo sexto et anno regni nostri decimo nono. Per signaturam manu Supremi Domini Nostri Regis suprascriptam."

" Writtin to the great seall the eightenth day of Apryll 1667. [Signed] Will. Kerr." " Sealed att Edinburghe the tuentie tuo day of Aprile 1667. [Signed] Jo. Cunynghame. 80 lib."

(Great seal attached, in excellent preservation.)

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Contract between Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, altering some provisions of the Marriage Contract of the latter: 9th November 1667. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Contract, dated at Bamff, 9th November 1667, between Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, knight baronet, on the one part, and James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, on the other part, reciting that

by marriage contract between them both on the one part, and Christian Ogilvie, lawful daughter of the deceased Sir Thomas Ogilvie, brother german of James, Earl of Airlie, with consent of the said Earl, her uncle, on the other part, dated [17th October 1666], the said Sir Gilbert Ramsay disponed in fee to the said James Ramsay his eldest lawful son, and his heirs male and assignees, the lands and barony of Bamff, lying in the parish of Alyth, etc. and the lands of Coupermacculte (Couttie) and Benethie (Bendochie), reserving the grantor's life-rent in certain of the lands, and burdening the lands with a sum of 40,000 merks in manner therein mentioned; " and now for certane good deid done be the said James to the said Sir Gilbert, and many uther causes and considerationes moving him, thairfoir, iff it shall please God that Dame Elizabeth Blair, his lady, shall happine to decease and depairt this mortall lyfe befoir the said Sir Gilbert, as God forbid, then and in that caice allenarlie, and no utherwayes, the said Sir Gilbert Ramsay for him his aires executouris and all uthers his assigneyes, be the tenor heroff restricteth and reduceth his lyfrent right during all the dayes of his lyftyme, of the lands barronies and uthers mentioned and specifeit in the forsaid contract matrimoniall reserved to him in lyfrent, in and to the only soume of aught hundreth merks Scotts mony and thrie chalders meall victuall yearlie to be upliftit be him during all the dayes of his lyftyme, furth off any lands barronies and uthers specifeit in the samen contract and disponed be (to ?) the said James in fie, or reserved to him in lyfrent, at the said Sir Gilbert his plesure and optione, with full power and libertie to the said Sir Gilbert to dispose theron yearlie during his lyftyme at his plesure, being frie of all publict burdinges to be imposed theron, and off all debts and soumes of mony that anywayes can effect the samen, ather principall or annualrents contractit and taken on be the said Sir Gilbert preceding the said James his fie of the foirnamit lands; and iff the said Sir Gilbert in the caice forsaid

after his said Ladyes decease can nocht agrie in familie with his said sone, in that caice it shall be leisume and laufull to him to mak choyse off any maner duelling place and house upon any part of the said lands, and to the effect forsaid the said Sir Gilbert maks constituts and ordanes the said James Ramsay his sone his cessioner and assignay in and to the mealles fermes keanes customes and causualities of the lands and uthers that ar reserved be the said contract matrimoniall to the said Sir Gilbert in lyfrent", for this object only. Likewise Sir Gilbert discharges the burdening of the lands with 40,000 merks and restricts it only to 10,000 merks, "for the provisione of Katharine and Elizabeth Ramsyes his laufull daughters, to be devydit and destribut betuixt them at the plesure and will of the said Sir Gilbert and his said Lady". For all which, the said James Ramsay, in the event foresaid of his mother's death, undertakes to free and relieve his father of the payment of all debts and sums of money due by him to any person "preceding and anterior to the said James his fie heritable of the fornamit lands". The deed is written by Master Laurence Nicolsone, writer in Edinburgh; witnesses, James Mitchell, servitor to the said James Ramsay, and the said Master Laurence Nicolsone, and Alexander Crichtone. [Signed] "S. G. R. Bamffe; J. Ramsay; A. Crichtone, vitnes; Lau. Nicolsone, witnes; James Mitchall, vitnes."

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ASSIGNATION BY PATRICK JOHNSTONE, glover in Perth, to Master Alexander Orme, apothecary there, of a Bond for 500 merks: 12th November 1667. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

ASSIGNATION by Patrick Johnstoune, glover, burgess of Perth, to Master Alexander Orme, apothecary, burgess of Perth, for certain sums of money, to the sum of 500 merks due by the deceased Master John Patersoune, burgess of Perth, as principal,

and Andrew Threipland, merchant burgess there, as cautioner, to the deceased Master Patrick Johnstoune, schoolmaster of the grammar school of Perth, whom failing, to the said Patrick his son, conform to Bond dated at Perth, 25th June 1644, registered at Perth 30th March 1658, and a year's interest preceding Martinmas 1667, and £50 of penalty, transferring the Bond itself in security. The assignation is dated at Perth, 12th November 1667; witnesses, William Scharp, late Dean of Guild of Perth, Robert Boig, glover, burgess there, John Arnott, notary there, and Harry Rollo his servitor. (Signatures.)

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(Extract) Service of William Ogilvie as heir to John Ogilvie of Wheatsyde, his father: 3rd April 1668. (Latin) *Parchment.*

In a regality court of Cowpar held on the top of the hill of Beitschill ("super cacumine montis de B.") on 3rd April 1668 by James Pilmour of Sandgait, bailie depute of the said regality, an assise consisting of Thomas Ogilvie of Litle Kathick, David Ogilvie, portioner of Peattie, John Ogilvie of Burnesyde, Patrick Campbell of New Calsay, William Pattillo, dyer in Cowpar, John Ramsay of Aucharrach, William Ogilvie in Meikle Kenny, George Cathro of Greinburnes, James Oliver of Buttershill, Thomas Wilkie in Cowpar, Andrew Wilsone there, John Pilmour there, James Sympsone there, Patrick Lowsone there, and Henry Pilmour there, found that John Ogilvy of Wheatsyde died at the King's faith and peace, and that William Ogilvy his son is lawful and nearest heir to him and is of lawful age.

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CHARTER BY JAMES DURHAM of Ardownie to William Durham, his son, and Jean Scott his wife, of the lands of Ardownie : 23rd October 1668. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by James Durehame of Ardounie, with consent of Margaret Wood his spouse, whereby for fulfilling a marriage contract of this date between William Durehame, his eldest lawful son and apparent heir, with his parents' consents, and Jean Scott, eldest lawful daughter of James Scott of Logie, with her father's consent, he dispones to the said William and Jean and their heirs male, whom failing, the heirs and assignees of the said William, the town and lands of Ardownie, and teind-sheaves thereof, in the parish of Monyfeithe in Forfarshire, holding from him of the King for payment of the dues and services formerly exigible from the lands, and 20*s.* for the teinds in name of blench, without prejudice to stipend, as King's annuity. Precept is directed to Patrick Durhame, lawful son of the deceased Alexander Durehame sometime at the Mill of Dunie, to give sasine. The charter is written by Walter Lyell, town clerk of Montrose, and dated at Montrose 23rd October 1668 ; witnesses, John Wood of Bonytoun, knight, William Gray of Innerrychtie, Thomas Allardes of Duninald, and the said Walter Lyell. [Signed] " James Durham ; Margaret Wood " ; and by the witnesses.

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SASINE following thereupon : 3rd November 1668. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 3rd November 1668, given to the said William Durham for himself and his wife, in terms of the foregoing charter. Done on the ground of the lands between 8 and 9 a.m. in presence of George Mitchell, servitor to the said

Sir John Wood of Bonnytoun, knight, David and William Mitchell, servitors to William Durehame of Grange, and William Brodie in Ardunie. Walter Lyell is notary.

N.B.—In the recital of the precept, the witness William Gray is described as " of Haystoun ", not " of Innerrychtie ".

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TRANSLATION BY ISOBEL RAMSAY, widow of John Rattray of Boreland, to James Robertson, brother to Straloch, of the assignation made to her (No. 275 *supra*) : 13th April 1669.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

TRANSLATION by Isobel Ramsay, now widow of John Rattray of Borland, with consent of John Rattray, now of Borland, eldest lawful son and apparent heir of the said John, in favour of James Robertson, brother german of John Robertson of Eister Straloch, who has paid to them the sum of 2,450 merks, of the Assignation (No. 275 *supra*) made to her and her late husband in 1666 by James Rattray. James Darling, schoolmaster at Blair in Gourie, writes the deed, which is dated at Kirktoun of Rattray, 13th April 1669; witnesses, David Rattray of Rannagullan, Paul Farquharsone, fiar of Rochallich, Thomas Whitesone, notary, and the said James Darling. [Signed] " I.R. ; J. Ratteray " ; and by the witnesses.

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TRANSLATION by same to same of the Assignation No. 274 *supra* : same date. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

TRANSLATION by the said Isobel Ramsay, widow as above, with consent of the said John Rattray her " sone in law " (i. e. step-son), to the said James Robertson, for 800 merks, of the Assignation made to her and her late husband in 1666 by James Rattray (No. 274 *supra*). Same date and witnesses as the preceding ; but the bulk of the deed is written by Thomas Whitsone.

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DISPOSITION BY JAMES, EARL OF AIRLIE, to Alexander Adamson in Alyth, of parts of Hatton of Creuchies : 24th January 1670.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISPOSITION by way of Contract, dated at Edinburgh 24th January 1670, whereby James, Earl of Airlie, Lord Ogilwie of Alith and Lentrathen, for the sum of 600 merks now paid to him by Alexander Adamsone in Alith, and Jean Findlay his spouse, grants and dispones to them, under reversion for the said sum, "all and haill thes three possessiones of land of the toune and lands of Haltoune of Creuchies, one of them possessed be Reonald Curr, elder, the second of them be Reonald Curr, younger, the third be Margaret Ireland, with the houses, biggings, yeards, tofts, crofts, pasturages of goods, casting and winning of fewell, faill and dovatt (turf), according as the forsaids three tennents hes been in use to doe this manie yeares bygone"; holding the same of the grantor blench for 1*d.* Scots, and relieving the grantor (during non-redemption) of the sum of £12 17*s.* 4*d.* as the stipend due to the minister of Blair from these lands. The lands are not to be redeemed within five years. The deed is written by George Brockie, servitor to the Earl; witnesses, James Pilmor, bailie of the regality of Couper, James Ogilwie, servitor to the Earl, the said George Brockie, and John Adamsone in Kirktoun of Ratray. [Signed] "Airlie", and by the witnesses. Adamson signs by aid of notaries.

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RESIGNATION BY SIR GILBERT RAMSAY of Bamff in favour of James R. younger of Bamff and Christian Ogilvie of the lands and barony of Bamff : 8th July 1670. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Resignation by Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, knight baronet (by John Hendersone, one of the Macers to the Exchequer, as his procurator), in fulfilment of a contract of

marriage between him (then designed Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff) and James Ramsay younger thereof, " his only sone and appearand air ", on the one part, and James, Earl of Airlie, Lord Ogilvie of Lentrathen, and Mistress Christian Ogilvie, second lawful daughter of the deceased Sir Thomas Ogilvie, brother german of the said Earl, on the other part, dated 17th October 1666, whereby in contemplation of the marriage then contracted and thereafter solemnized between James Ramsay and Christian Ogilvie, the said Sir Gilbert promised to infeft them and their heirs male, whom failing, the nearest lawful heirs male of the said James, and their assignees, in the town and lands of Foyell, mill and Milton thereof, mill-lands, maltbarn, kiln, coble (mash-tub), etc., with that pendicle thereof called the Knowheid, and the town and lands of Pitdrey and town and lands of Kinkedlie, with their pertinents; and to infeft the said James Ramsay and his heirs male and assignees in the towns and lands of Little Bamff, Hiltoun of Bamff, dominical lands and mains of Bamff, Newtoun of Bamff, and the town and lands of Ardormie and westmost parts of the same, and the town and lands of Eister Mawes, town and lands of Hiltoune of Mawes, which are parts of the lands and barony of Bamff, with towers, fortalices, woods, orchards, dovecots, mills, lochs, fishings, cottages, etc., all united into a free barony called the Barony of Bamff; and in the lands of Bennathie, with manor place, houses, yards, cottages, etc., lying in the Wester Stormonth, regality of Dunfermline, and shire of Perth; and the lands of Coupermakcultie, with manor place, houses, yards, orchards, salmon and other fishings on the Water of Ilay used and wont, etc., and the teinds of Bennethie and Coupermacultie; reserving to the said Sir Gilbert his life-rent of all lands provided to his son in fee, and to Dame Elizabeth Blair, his spouse, her life-rent of the towns and lands of Easter Mawes, Hiltoun of Mawes, and Newtoun of Bamff, with pertinents; which lands and others are hereby resigned in the hands of John, Earl of Rothes, Lord Chancellor, in name of his

Majesty, who having received the same, gave the said subjects again to the said John Henderson as also attorney for the said James Ramsay and Mistress Christian Ogilvie. This was done at Edinburgh, in the Upper New Session house, between 3 and 4 p.m. in presence of Master Andrew Oswald, one of the Clerks of Exchequer, Master Patrick Broune, presenter of signatures, John Muir and Patrick Don, writers to the signet, and Master Thomas Strachane, town clerk of Edinburgh.

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CROWN CHARTER to James Ramsay and Dame Christian Ogilvie, of the lands and barony of Bamff: 15th July 1670.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER under the great seal by King Charles II in favour of the foresaid James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, and Dame Christian Ogilvie, in terms of the foregoing Resignation, and Contract of Marriage therein mentioned (which is here stated to have been dated at Kirriemuir, 17th October 1666), of the lands and barony of Bamff as formerly united into the Barony of Bamff and now of new united into the Barony of Bamff: Holding of the Crown the lands and barony of Bamff for service of ward and relief, paying for the ward £80 and a like sum for the relief; with 500 merks for the marriage of the heir; and paying for the lands of Bennathie £10 9*s.* 8*d.* with duplicand, and for Couparmackcultie and fishings on the Water of Ilay 5 merks sterling, with "forinsica servitia, lie outhouse services"; also paying for the teinds of Bennathie and Couparmackcultie £7 7*s.* as a proportional part of the blench duties of 300 merks contained in the charter granted to James, Lord Coupar, of the lordship of Coupar, and that for relief of the heirs, successors and representatives of the said Lord Coupar; and paying to the minister at Bennathie 7 bolls of victual, Perth measure, and 200 merks, for relief as above. Dated at Edinburgh, 15th July 1670, 22nd year of the King's reign.

(Fragment of great seal attached.)

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CROWN PRECEPT following on the said Charter: same date.
(Latin) *Parchment.*

CROWN Precept, directed to the Sheriff of Perth and his bailies, to give sasine to James Ramsay and Christian Ogilvie of the lands and barony of Bamff, in terms of the preceding charter. Same date.

(Fragment of quarter seal attached.)

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ASSIGNATION BY JOHN OGILVIE in Alyth to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, of a wadset of Sheilwalls, etc. (as in No. 265 *supra*): 16th September 1671. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

BY a Contract, dated 22nd and 31st May and 13th June 1661, between Gilbert Ogilvy of Craige and John Ogilvy in Alyth, eldest lawful son of the deceased John Ogilvy in Alyth (No. 265 *supra*), the said Gilbert wadset to the said John, for 2,500 merks, the lands of Shealwalles, Wester Boigsyde, and Thomsemeddowe, with the lands of Inschoke in warrandice; and now for certain sums equivalent to the foresaid sum of 2,500 merks, now paid by James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, to him, the said John assigns the foresaid wadset lands and contract, Janet Rattray his spouse consenting. Master John Crokatt, notary, writes the deed, which is dated at Alyth, 16th September 1671; witnesses, Master Thomas Robertson, "colligue minister att Alyth", John Rattray of Milnehall, and the said Master John Crokatt.

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MARRIAGE CONTRACT between George Drummond of Blair and Elizabeth Ramsay, dau. of Sir Gilbert R. of Bamff: 20th May 1672. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Boat of Kinclaivine, 20th May 1672, between George Drumond of Blair, on the one part, and Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamffe, knight baronet, James Ramsay his only lawful son, fiar thereof, and Elizabeth Ramsay, youngest lawful daughter of the said Sir Gilbert, on the other part, for the marriage of the said George Drummond and Elizabeth Ramsay; in view of which, the said George Drummond obliges himself to infeft the said Elizabeth in life-rent in the lands of Muirtoune and Midledrumie, lying in the lordship of Couper, barony of Blairgourie, and sheriffdom of Perth; also in the lands of Burnhead of Blair and Lorintie, and pertinents, and in an annuity of 100 merks from "the first end of the dewties of the fishing of the Keath of Rattray one the west syd of the watter of Ericht", lying in the barony of Blairgourie, lordship of Scoone, and sheriffdom of Perth; guaranteeing that the said lands (exclusive of the annuity) are worth yearly 500 merks and 2 chalders of victual. Also he sets in tack to her for her lifetime the teind sheaves of the lands foresaid; and because there is not "ane dwelling hous fit and sufficient to the said Elizabeth to dwell in eftir the deceis of her said promeist husband incaice she survive him one the ground of the landis quherto shoe is provydit", he promises either to construct a sufficient dwelling house on the ground of the said barony of Blair "quher it may be maist commodious to the said Elizabeth to dwell in, to the wallow (value) of eight hundreth merkis money forsaid", or else to cause pay yearly to her after his decease "for the said dwelling hous the sowme of fiftie merkis" at Martinmas. The said Sir Gilbert and James Ramsay undertake to pay 7,000 merks of tocher, the

said Elizabeth renouncing any former provisions and accepting this in satisfaction of all she can legally claim by her father's death, or that of Elizabeth Blair her mother. The entail of the estate of Blair being only to heirs male, the said George obliges himself, if there be only female issue of the marriage, to pay 6,000 merks to one daughter, or 10,000 merks if more than one, to be divided at the sight of two friends on the father's and two friends on the mother's side. The deed is written by David Blair, servitor to Thomas Whitsone, notary; witnesses, Patrick Rattray of Craighall, James Campbell of Keathik, Harry Smith of Camny, and the said Thomas Whitsone and David Blair. [Signed] "G. Drummond; S. G. R. Bamffe; Ja. Ramsay"; and by witnesses.

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CHARTER BY JOHN ROBERTSON of Tullymurdoch to Master Gilbert Ramsay in Brucetoune of a pendicle of the Muirtown of Creuchies called Brawlands: 24th May 1672. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by John Robertson of Tullimurdo to Master Gilbert Ramsay in Brucetoune and his heirs and assignees, irredeemably, of that pendicle of the lands of Moortoune of Crewchies called Brawlin, with pertinents, sometime occupied by the deceased Alexander Alexander, and now by John Baxter, and right of commonty and winning and leading of peats and fuel, and pasturage of beasts in all bounds pertaining to the lands of Moortoune, lying on the west side of that ford (*vadæ*) called the Howfewrd of the Burn of Brawlone pertaining to the grantor in feufarm; and that in terms of Robertson's obligation to him of this date, and sums of money therein contained: Holding the said pendicle of land of the grantor from his superiors for 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly, with duplicand at entry of heirs. Patrick Irland, lawful son of Master Thomas Irland (schoolmaster) in Alyth, writes the deed, which is dated at Alyth 24th May 1672; witnesses, Sir

Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, knight, James Ramsay his lawful son, fiar of Bamffe, David Rattray of Rannigullane, Thomas Whitson, notary public, David Blaire his servitor, and the said Patrick Irland. [Signed] "Johne Ro^{t}sone; S. G. R. Bamffe, witnes; Ja. Ramsay, witnes; Deauid Rattray, witnes; P. Irland, witnes; D. Blair, witnes; Th. Whitsone, witnes."

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SASINE following thereupon: 28th May 1672. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 28th May 1672, of the said Master Gilbert Ramsay in Brucetoune, in the pendicle of Brawlin, in terms of the foregoing Charter. David Rattray of Rannagullane gave infeftment, on the ground of the lands about 7 a.m.; witnesses, Patrick Robertsone in Tulliemurdo, William Hereing in Wester Drumie, Andersone in Brucetoune, and David Blair, servitor to the notary, Thomas Whitsone.

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PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT AND RATIFICATION by William, Lord Lindsay of Parbroath, in favour of Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and James R. fiar thereof, respecting the lands of Watersheill: 17th June 1672. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by William, Lord Lindsay of Parbroth, in favour of Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, knight, as heir to his deceased father, Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, in the towns and lands of Watersheill with the pendicle called Craigheid, holding of the said Lord Lindsay in chief for payment of 1*d.* blench; and the said William, Lord Lindsay, also ratifies the Marriage Contract and charters and infeftments granted in terms thereof made by the said Sir Gilbert to his son James Ramsay, concerning the said lands of Watersheilles and Craighead; which lands the said Lord

Lindsay also hereby grants and confirms to the said James Ramsay, holding as above. The deed is written by Gavin Hamilton, servitor to Master Robert Hamilton, W.S., and dated at Strutheres, 17th June 1672; witnesses, Alexander Douglas, Robert Fae, and John Imrie, servitors to the Earl of Crawford and Lord Lindsay. [Signed] "Lindesay; Alexander Douglasse, witnesse; Robertus Faa, testes; John Imrie, witnes."

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DISPOSITION BY GILBERT OGILVIE of the Craig to . . . of the lands of Shealwalls, etc.: 3rd July 1672. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISPOSITION by Gilbert Ogilwy of Craiges, son and heir of the deceased Sir John Ogilwy of Craiges, knight, with consent of . . . reciting that for certain sums now paid to him by . . . he sells and dispones to . . . irredeemably the lands of Schelwalls, with pertinents, "and haill remanent landis of the landis of Ardormie lyand beeist the mairches of the lands of Ardormie anelzied (alienated) be umquhill Johne Scrymgeor of Glasswall to the deceist George Ramsay of Bamff, bowndit on the eist in maner as followes, Beginand on the north syd at the Burne of Corfodlay, and comeing sowth from the said burne be ane broad greine balk callit the balk that devydis Inschoch and Schelwalls, and passing sowthward be ane old deick (dyke) untill it come to the north end of the three owtfeild buttis (patches) and westward the breid of these three owtfeild buttis, and then downe ane nerow greine balk and then downe ane old broad deick quhair thair is ane great gray stone, and so linallie downe to the back streipe of Schelwalls and eist the said streipe as the currant of the watter runes to the burne of Bogsyd, and sowthwest quhair the old watter was in use to goe befoir, and mairch stanes presentlie to be sett in, and then west as the burne runes till it come to the mairch of Buquhyme, and on the west the said mairches of Ardormie"; also assigning the tack of the teind sheaves of

Sheilwalls set to the grantor by the deceased George [Halyburton], Bishop of Dunkeld, for 19 years from Martinmas 1663, for 50*s*. Scots yearly, and that for the terms yet to run. The deed is written by John Fallay in Balbrogie, and dated at Banffe, 3rd July 1672; witnesses, Thomas Ogilwie, provost of Banffe, James Ogilvie, brother german of Sir Francis Ogilwie of Newgreange, knight, and George Brockie, servitor to James, Earl of Airlie. [Signed] "G. Ogilvy"; and by the witnesses.

295

WADSET BY JAMES SANDERS to Andrew Cargill of two acres of Mains of Creuchies: 9th July 1672. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Alyth 9th July 1672, between James Sanderis, portioner of Mains of Creuchie, with consent of John S. his eldest lawful son and apparent heir, on the one part, and Andrew Cargill in Westquarter of Alyth, and Janet Sanderis his spouse, on the other part, whereby for 260 merks now advanced and paid by the said Andrew to the said James, the latter wadsets to the former "his tuo aikers of infeild land lyand one the Drume of the Maines of Creuchie pertineing to the said James Sanderis his third pairt landis of the said Maines of Creuchie, with the teindis parsonage and wiccarage of the samyne tuo aikeris of land", sometime possessed by the said James Sanders, thereafter by James Craig; "togither with the pasturage of tuo kyne and thair followers, with ane horse or ane mair and hir followers, with fourtie head of sheip, to pasture and gang with the rest of the guids of the Maines of Creuchie yeirlie and with thair sheip in all boundis qhere they pasture the samyne, to be keipit and hirdit be the said Androw Cargill, his said spous and thair foirsaidis thair awn expenses"; redeemable after seven years for the above sum. This is *pro tanto* provided to the said Janet Sanders in lieu of other provision contained in her marriage contract. The deed is written by David Blair; servitor to

Thomas Whitsone, notary; witnesses, James Ogilvy in Alyth, James Murray in Nether Muirtoune, Andrew McIntoish, saddler in Dundee, and the said David Blair.

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Sasine of Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff in the lands of Watersheall and Craighead: 9th August 1672. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 9th August 1672, given to Thomas Gall in Wattersheill as attorney for Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, knight baronet, in the lands of Wattersheill and Craighead, in terms of Precept of Sasine by William, Lord Lindsay of Parbroth, No. 293 *supra.* Thomas Smith in Balloch gives infeftment, on the ground of the lands about 2 p.m. in presence of Thomas Robertsone in Wattersheill, John Robertson, his natural son, James Diksone in Balloch, and David Blair, servitor to the notary, Thomas Whitsone.

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Sasine of James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, in the same subjects: same date. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 9th August 1672, given to the same attorney in name of James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, in the same subjects in terms of charter of confirmation and *novodamus* by William, Lord Lindsay of Parbroth, in favour of the said James (second part of No. 293 *supra*). Same bailie and witnesses.

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Sasine of Elizabeth Ramsay, dau. of Sir Gilbert R. of Bamff, in the lands of Muirtown, Middle Drummie, etc.: 9th August 1672. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 9th August 1672, given to Patrick Drumond in Polcack as attorney for Elizabeth Ramsay, youngest daughter of Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, and promised spouse

to George Drumond of Blair, in life-rent in the lands of Muirtoune, Midle Drumie, Burnhead of Blair and Lorintie, and an annuity of 100 merks, in terms of Marriage Contract No. 290 *supra*. Andrew Rattray in Bankhead of Blair gives infeftment, on the lands of Burnhead and Lorintie and at the Keath fishing about 10 a.m., at Midle Drumie about 11 a.m., and at Murtoune about 4 p.m., in presence of John Crichtoune in Hill of Blair, John Read there, George Ambrois there, James Forrester there, John Andersone in Haltoune of Rattray, William Ramsay in Brunfie, Andrew Irland in Chaippeltoune, Thomas Makie in Muirtoune, James Craig there, and Alexander Cosland there.

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Sasine of James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, and Christian Ogilvie, in the lands and barony of Bamff: 7th September 1672.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 7th September 1672, of James Ramsay, younger of Bamff, and Dame Christian Ogilvy his spouse, in the lands and barony of Bamff, etc., in terms of Crown Precept (No. 288 *supra*). John Ramsay of Bastardbank gives infeftment, as sheriff in that part, on the ground of the lands about 9 a.m. in presence of James Campbell in Bamff, James Cargill there, John Bryddie there, and John Mastertoune in Foyell.

300

Discharge by Jean Lumsden and Elizabeth Ramsay to Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff for aliment: 24th February 1673.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

Discharge by Jean Lumsden, widow of Thomas Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, and now spouse to David Earskin of Dune, and the said David for his interest, and Elizabeth Ramsay, only lawful daughter

of the first marriage, with consent of curators, reciting that they raised summons before the Lords of Council and Session against Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff and James Ramsay, fiar thereof, for payment of certain sums for support of the said Elizabeth till she attains the age of 16 years; and now the said Sir Gilbert and James having paid a certain sum in satisfaction hereof, this discharge is granted to them, without prejudging any right or security "made or to be made be (to ?) me the said Elisabeth Ramsay for my portione provydit to me be the forsaid contract of mariadge". The deed is written by John Dalgarno, writer in Edinburgh, and dated at Edinburgh, 24th February 1673; witnesses, James Anstruther, son of the Laird of Anstruther, George Drumond of Blair, Master Thomas Gordoune, W.S., William Davidsone, tailor in Cannogait, and John Stewart, servitor to the said David Erskin of Dun. [Signed] "Jean Lumsdain; Elizabeth Ramsay; D. Areskine; W. Anstruther, curator, consents; Ja. Anstruther, witnes; William Davidsone, witnes; John Stewart, witnes; Tho. Gordoune, witnes to Dunes subscription; G. Drummond, witnes to Dunes subscriptione."

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DISCHARGE by George Drummond of Blair to Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff for tocher with Elizabeth R. his daughter: 27th February 1673. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISCHARGE by George Drummond of Blair to Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, knight and baronet, and James Ramsay, his only lawful son, fiar thereof, for 7,000 merks of tocher received with Elizabeth Ramsay, lawful daughter of the said Sir Gilbert, in terms of marriage contract (No. 290 *supra*). Written by John Mitchell, steward clerk of Stratherne, and dated at Edinburgh, 27th February 1673; witnesses, Mungo Campbell of Pittentein and James Nicolsone and Patrick Scott, merchants in Edinburgh. [Signed] "G. Drummond", and by the witnesses.

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INVENTORY of the Titles of Tullymurdoch and Brawlands: 10th November 1673. *Paper.*

"INVENTORY of the wreittis of the landis of Tullymurdo and Brawlin with the teind sheawis and pertinentis thairoff sold and disponed be Johne Robertsone of Tullymurdo to Master Gilbert Ramsay in Brucetoune, conforme to tuo severall dispositiones grantit be the said Johne Robertsone to the said Master Gilbert Ramsay his airis and assignais therin specifeit thairannent, baith of the dait" (*sic*).

1. "*Imprimis*, the double of ane Chairtor of resignatione grantit be Alexander Lindsay, Master of Crawfurd, in favoris of Johne Ogilvy, sone and appearand air of James Ogilvy of Arlie, knycht, and Marjorie Grahame, spous to the said Johne, off all and haill the landis of Hallyeardis of Ballindoch with the pertinentis lyand within the baronie of Ballindoch and schirifedome of Pearth, as also the landis of Tullymurdo with the pertinentis, and ane yeirlie annualrent of eightiene shilling Scottis outin the landis of Balloch, procieding upone the said James Ogilvie of Arlie his resignatione, which Chairtor is daitit at Kirktoune of Essie the fourtein day of October 1478 yearis, attestit under the hand of tuo nottaris.

2. "*Item*, the Saisine following therupone, attestit under the hand of tuo nottaris.

3. "*Item*, ane Contract of Excambeon with ane double thairoff past betuixt James, Lord Ogilvy of [Airlie] and James, Master [of] Ogilvy his sone, and Jean Ruthven, spouse to the said Master Ogilvy, one the ane pairt, and [Master] Nicoll Campbell of Keathick and Caithrin Drummond his spous, one the uther pairt, [whereby] the said Lord [and Master] Ogilvy obliest thame to infeft the said Master Nicoll Campbell and Kaithrine Drum-

mond his spous, thair [airis] and assignais, in all and haill the landis of Tullymurdo with the myln mylnlandis theroff sukine and . . . usit and wount, to be holdine of the Earle of Craufurd be service waird and releiff, and the H . . . of Barbartoune, which Contract is daitit at Lawtoune the 25 day of July 1583, registrat in [the Buikis] of Counsell and Sessione upone the 25 day of February 1585 under the hand of Alexander H[ay of] Kennet, Clerk Register.

4. " *Item*, ane Chairtor following upone the said Contract of Excambeon, holdine of the Earle of [Craufurd] be waird, daitit the 26 day of the said moneth of July and yeir of God forsaid.

5. " *Item*, ane uther Chairtor following upone the said Contract of Excambeon of the Lordis Ogilvy [for] yeirlie payment of fourtie shilling Scottis of few dewtie, daitit at Forfar, the fyft day of August in [the yeir] of God forsaid.

6. " *Item*, ane Chairtor grantit be the said James, Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, and James, Master Ogilvy, his sone, in favoris of the said Master Nicoll Campbell and Kaithrine Drummond his spous off ane yeirlie annualrent [of . . .] shilling to be takine outin the landis of Tullymurdo, holdine of thameselvis blensch, daitit the 5 of August 1583.

7. " *Item*, ane Saisine following thairon of the dait 3 Appryll 1591, Johne Robesone, nottar thairto.

8. " *Item*, ane uther Saisine following one the saidis Chairtoris of Excambeon, daitit the 22 day of October 1583, Alexander Gibsone, nottar therto.

9. " *Item*, ane Precept of Clare Constat grantit be James, Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, and James, Master [Ogilvy, his] sone, to Patrick Campbell of Keathick for infefting him in the saidis landis of Tullymurdo as air [to the] said Master Nicoll Campbell his father, daitit at Bollicschan and Airlie, 1 Appryll 1591.

10. " *Item*, ane Saisine following thairupone and off the dait thairoff.

11. " *Item*, ane Chairtor grantit be the said Patrick Campbell to Gilbert Campbell now of Keathick [and] Jannet Bettoun his spous off the saidis landis of Tullymurdo, holdine of the said Lord Ogilvy few f[erme for payment] off the said sowme of fourtie shilling yeirlie, daitit at Balfour, the 2 day of October 1615.

12. " *Item*, the Saisine following thairupone daitit the 9 day of the said moneth off October and year of [God forsaid], George Bissatt, nottar thairto.

13. " *Item*, ane Chairtor of confirmatione thairupone grantit be the deciest James, Earle of Airlie, the [n . . .] Lord Ogilvy of Airlie, daitit the 22 day of May 1630.

14. " *Item*, ane Dispositione grantit be the said Gilbert Campbell of Keathick in favoris of Gilbert [Campbell] of Tullymurdo, his sone, off and upone the saidis landis of Tullymurdo and Brawland, daitit 2 [. . . of] Mairch 1662.

15. " *Item*, ane Chairtor following thairupone daitit the 11 day of January 1665.

16. " *Item*, ane Saisine following thairupone daitit the 11 day of Appryll thaireftir, James Pilmour, nottar thairto, registrat 20 day of Appryll 1665.

17. " *Item*, ane Chairtour of confirmatione grantit be James, Earle of Airlie, of the forsaid Chairtour, dispensand with the Saisine utherwayes taikine.

18. " *Item*, ane Tak sett be Robert [Crichton], Bishop of Dunkeld, with consent of dean and chapter, to Master Nicoll of the personage teindis of the landis of Tullymurdo for the spaice of thrie lyfrentis and tuo nyntein yearis takis, for payment yeirlie to the Bishop of Dunkeld off fourtie shilling Scottis, daitit the 22 and 2 dayes of September and October 1584.

19. " *Item*, ane Decreitt of prorogatione of the said Tak for the spaice of four nyntein years eikit to the first tak, daitit at Edinburgh, the last day of February 1618, under the hand of Sir Georg Hay, Clerk Register for the tyme.

20. " *Item*, James Rattray of Rannagullane his Renunciatione of the landis of Brawlin, daitit the last of February 1627.

21. " *Item*, ane Dispositione of the landis of Brawlin be Johne Rattray of Muirtoune in favoris of Gilbert Campbell of Keathick, daitit the 13 day of January 1627.

22. " *Item*, ane Chairtor following one the said Dispositione and off the dait thairoff.

23. " *Item*, ane Saisine following upone the said Chairtour, daitit the 29 Mairch 1628, Johne Cargill nottar thairto, registrat at Edinburgh, the 14 of May 1628, be Master Francis Hay.

24. " *Item*, ane Decreitt of Absolvitour obteined befoir the Comissar of Dunkeld be Gilbert Campbell of Tu[llymurdo] against the Earle of Atholl, daitit the 19 of Apprill 1664, off certaine bygaine teind deuties.

25. " *Item*, ane Dispositione grantit be the last Gilbert Campbell of Tullymurdo, with consent of Collin [Campbell] his brother, to the said Johne Robertsone off the saidis landis of Tullymurdo, daitit the fourt day of Mai . . . [1672].

26. " *Item*, ane Chartor following upone the said Dispositione and of the dait thairoff.

27. " *Item*, ane Saisine following upone the said Chairtor, daitit the 21 of May 1672.

28. " *Item*, ane Confirmatione of the said last Chairtor, grantit be James, Earle of Airlie, to the said Johne Robertsone, daitit the 5 of November and yeir of God forsaid.

29. " *Item*, ane Dispositione grantit be the said Gilbert Campbell of Keathick and Gilbert Campbell of Tullymurdo, his sone, to the said Johne Robertsone off the landis of Brawlin, daitit the 4 day of May 1668.

30. " *Item*, ane Chartor following upone the said Dispositione and off the dait thairoff.

31. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Saisine following upone the said Chairtor, daitit the 21 day of May 1672, yearis forsaid.

"Quhilkis particular wreittis and evidentis abovewrittin, I, the said Master Gilbert Ramsay grantis the recept, and be thir presentis bindis and obleissis me my airis and successoris to maik the samyne patent and furthcumeand to the said Johne Robertsone and his airis for persuit or defence of any action of evictione or distres that shall happine to be . . . or intentit against me or my forsaidis for evicting fra us off the saidis landis of Tullymurdo [and Brawlin] or any pairt thairoff, the said Johne Robertsone alwayes giveing bond and inventar for redeliv[ery of the] saidis wreittis eftir the saidis actiones are endit. In witnes quheroff I have subscryvit the sa . . . writtine be David Blair, servitor to Thomas Whitsone, notar publict, at Alyth (?) the tent day of November j^{m} vj^{c} and sevintie thrie yearis, beffoir thir witnesses, David Rat[tray] of Rannagullane and the saidis Thomas Whitsone and David Blair." [Signed] "M. G. Ramsay; David Rattray, witnes; Th. Whitsone, witnes; D. Blair, witnes."

[Endorsed] "Inventary off the wreittis of Tullymurdo and Brawline: 1673."

(The deed is frayed, and partly torn at the edge.)

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CHARTER BY JOHN OGILVIE in Alyth to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, of the lands of Shealwalls, etc.: 4th April 1674.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by John Ogilvie in Alyth to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, of the lands of Shealwalls, Wester Bogside, etc. in terms of Disposition and Assignation No. 289 *supra*. The charter is written by Patrick Irland, writer in Alyth, and dated at Alyth 4th April 1674; witnesses, James Ogilwy, the grantor's brother german, Master John Crokatt, notary, and the said Patrick Irland.

304

Sasine following upon No. 295 *supra* : 14th July 1674.
(Vernacular) *Paper.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 14th July 1674, of Andrew Cargill and Janet Sanders his spouse, in two acres of the Mains of Creuchie, in terms of wadset No. 295 *supra.* Alexander Sanders in Haltoune of Creuchie gives sasine, on the ground of the lands about 7 a.m. in presence of James Clerk, younger, in Haltoune, James Thornetoune in Drume of Maines, Robert Calvin in Glenbrerachin, and John Toish there.

305

Disposition by William Alshoner (Alexander) to David Rattray of Rannagullan of a third part of Welton of Creuchies : 24th December 1675. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Disposition by William Alshoner, eldest lawful son of the deceased Archibald Alshoner in Alyth, and grandson and heir of the deceased Alexander Alschoner sometime portioner of Weltoun of Creuchie, with consent of James Geddie, eldest lawful son and heir of the deceased James Geddie, portioner of the said Weltoun, reciting a contract between the said deceased Alexander Alshoner and said deceased James Geddie, dated 6th and 10th August 1640 whereby Alshoner sold and disponed to Geddie his third part of Weltoun of Crewchie (upon which Sasine No. 238 *supra* proceeds) ; and now for a certain sum paid to the said James Geddie, younger, by David Rattray of Rannagullan and James Rattray, his eldest lawful son, fiar thereof, in name and behalf of Elizabeth Rattray, lawful daughter of the said David, and spouse to John Robertsone in Weltoun of Crewchie, and in name of David Robertsone hir eldest lawful son, at the sight and by the advice of the said William Alschoner, as the price of the lands, the said William Alexander obliges to obtain himself served heir as above, at the charges

of the said James Geddie, and both of them hereby sell and dispone to the said Elizabeth Rattray in life-rent, and to the said David Robertson her son and the heirs male of his body, whom failing, Gilbert Robertson, her second son, and the heirs male of his body, whom failing, to James Robertson, her third son, and the heirs male of his body, whom failing, the heirs and assignees of the said David Robertson, the foresaid third part town and lands of Weltoun of Crewchie; which lands are astricted to the mill of Foyell. The deed is written by Neill Forrester, schoolmaster at Rattray, and dated at Alyth, 24th December 1675; witnesses, James Rattray, fiar of Rannagullan, James Sowtar and Thomas Whitson, notaries, John Forrester, writer in Alyth, and the said Neill Forrester. [Signed] "William Allexander; James Geddie."

306

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT in favour of James Geddie as heir to his father in the third part of Welton of Creuchies: 24th December 1675. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by William Alexander in Alyth, in favour of James Geddie as heir to the deceased James Geddie, portioner of Weltoun of Crewchie, his father, in the third part town and lands of Weltoune of Crewquhie, held of the said William blench. Dated at Alyth, 24th December 1675; witnesses, James Rattrey, fiar of Rannagullan, and Thomas Whitsone, notary.

307

SPECIAL RETOUR OF WILLIAM ALEXANDER as heir to his grandfather in a third part of Welton of Creuchies: 18th February 1676. (Latin) *Parchment.*

SPECIAL Retour of William Alexander as heir to the deceased Alexander Alexander, portioner of Weltoun of Crewquhie, in the third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewchie sometime

occupied by the deceased Thomas Ogilvie and thereafter by the said Alexander Alexander, and sold and disponed by James Ogilvie, portioner there, to the said dec. Alexander in terms of Charter dated 10th October 1618; paying the feu duties formerly payable (54*s*. 2½*d*. etc.); which lands have been in the King's hands by reason of non-entry for 19 years and 2 months, since the death of the said Alexander Alexander in November 1656. The names of the jury are:—Thomas Whitsone, notary in Rattray, George Moncreife, notary in Methven, James Oliphant and John Bowar, writers in Perth, William Grahame, notary there, William Tayllor in Urquhill, Hugh Crockat in Chappellhill, Thomas Hepburne in Kinkell, James Salter in Alyth, William Dick there, William Morisone in Kirktoun of Rattray, James Couper in Chappellhill, Donald Cuthbert in Kirktoune of Rattray, Thomas Wilsone in Blair, and William Moncreife of Mairsland. Dated 18th February 1676.

308

Precept from Chancery for infefting William Alexander in the third part of Welton of Creuchies: 31st May 1676.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Precept from Chancery for infefting the said William Alexander in the third part of Weltoun of Creuchie, as heir to his grandfather; taking security for £52 19*s*. 6*d*. 19½ *obuli* Scots, and 39 bolls of oats, of bygone feufarm duties during non-entry. Dated at Edinburgh, 31st May 1676.

309

Sasine following thereupon: 6th November 1676.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 6th November 1676, given by William Moncrieff of Mairslands at the direction of John, Marquis of Athole, etc., sheriff of Perth to the said William Alexander in

the said third part of Weltoun of Creuquhy, in terms of the foregoing Precept and Retour. Done on the ground of the lands, between 2 and 3 p.m. in presence of William Hereis, indweller in Weltoun of Creuchie, Thomas Miller, indweller in Alyth, and Alexander Moncreiff, servitor to Patrick Scot, stabler in Perth.

310

DISCHARGE BY MASTER LEONARD ROBERTSON of Wester Straloch to Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff for 500 merks : 11th August 1679. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISCHARGE by Master Leonard Robertsone, now of Wester Straeloch, brother german of the deceased Alexander R. of Wester Straeloch, reciting a Bond by the deceased Alexander Robertson of Denny as principal and Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff as cautioner, dated 28th March 1660, to the said deceased Alexander R. of Wester Straloch for 500 merks, and Assignation thereof by the said Alexander on 12th March 1678 to the said Master Leonard, his brother, and that the said bond and assignation are transferred to a blank person for behoof of Master John Robertson of Denny, who has satisfied for the sums due by his brother the said deceased Alexander Robertson of Denny, so that the cautioner (now Sir Gilbert) may be exonered. The deed is written by Thomas Whitsone, notary, and dated at Kirktoune of Rattray, 11th August 1679 ; witnesses, John Ramsay younger of Achareich, John Nairne in Perth, and the said Thomas Whitsone.

311

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT in favour of William Ogilvie of Whiteside as heir to his father in the lands of Wester Whiteside of Alyth : 16th September 1680. (Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by James, Earl of Airlie, in favour of William Ogilvy of Whytsyd, reciting that the deceased John Ramsay in Whytsyd and Margaret Rattray his spouse possessed

the lands of Wester Whytsyd of Alyth, wadset to them for 1,700 merks by James, Earl of Airlie, father of the grantor, in terms of Contract dated 18th June 1650, and the lands were assigned by them to the deceased Captain John Ogilvy, late in Haltoun of Innerarity, father of the said William, on 26th April 1656; and that the said William is nearest heir to his said father in these lands. James Ramsay, clerk of Kerremuir, writes the deed, which is dated at Cortachie, 16th September 1680; witnesses, John Ogilvy of Pittmowes, James Ogilvy, the Earl's servitor, and the said James Ramsay. (Signatures.)

312

PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT for infefting James Sanders as heir to his father in a third part of Mains of Creuchies: 25th October 1681.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by David, Viscount of Stormont, Lord Balvaird Cockpooll and Lochmaban, for infefting James Sanders, portioner of Cruquhyis, as heir to his father, the deceased James Sanders, portioner of Cruquhyis, in his third part of the town and lands of Mains of Cruquhyis, held in feu of the grantor for 50*s.* 6*d.* and 2 bolls of oats, with services, etc. Alexander Andersone, notary in Perth, writes the deed, which is dated at Balvaird, 25th October 1681; witnesses, Master John Dempster, pedagogue to the Viscount, and the said Alexander Andersone. The curators also sign.

313

SASINE following thereupon: 25th January 1682.

(Latin) *Paper.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 25th January 1682, of the said James Sanders, as heir to his father, in the third part of Mains of Creuchies, in terms of the foregoing Precept. William Barnat in

Haltoun of Creuchie gave infeftment, on the ground of the lands between 1 and 2 p.m. in presence of William Rattray of Moortoune, Andrew Cargill in Alight, James Barnat in Haltoune of Cruchie, and Alexander Broun in Mains of Creuchie. John Ramsay, clerk of the diocese of Dunkeld, is notary.

314

Sasine following upon No. 311 *supra*: 23rd February 1682.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 23rd February 1682, of William Ogilvy, eldest lawful son and heir of the deceased Captain John Ogilvy, sometime in Halton of Innerarity, in the lands of Wester Whytsyd of Alicht, in terms of Precept No. 312 *supra*. James Ogilvy, elder, in Alicht, gives infeftment, on the ground of the lands between 2 and 3 p.m. in presence of Master Robert Lindsay, lawful son of the deceased Master David Lindsay, minister at Rescobie, James Niven in Alyth, Donald Cargill there, Thomas Ogilvy, son of the said James Ogilvy, and David Kermake, son of the deceased David Kermack in Haltoun of Freuchie (*sic*). John Robertson is notary.

315

Inventory of the Titles of Bamff: 22nd March 1683.

Paper.

"Inventar of the Wreats and evidents of the lands and barronie of Bamff, comprehending the lands of Mawis, Pitdray and Foyell and others efterspecifeit, inventared one the twentie tuo day of March j^{m} vj^{c} eightie three years, and inventared as followes:—

"1. Ane Precept granted be Findlay Ramsay of Bamff for infefting Gilbert Ramsay, his oy, and Margaret Ogilvy his spous, in the lands of Mawes and Pitdray, daitted the tenth day of Appryll 1483.

1. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Saisine following therone in favors of the saids Gilbert Ramsay and Margaret Ogilvy of the lands above writtin, daitted the 8th July 1483.

2. " *Item*, ane Retour befor the Sheriff of Perth for infefting Neiss Ramsay of Bamff as oy and air to umquhill Alexander Ramsay of Bamff, his goodsir, in the lands and barrony thairof, daited the 5 October 1507.

2. " *Item*, ane Saisine following therone in favors of the said Neiss, daitted the fyft of October 1507.

3. " *Item*, ane Precept be William, Lord Ruthen, shireff of Perth, in favors of Alexander Ramsay of Bamff, son and air to umquhill Neiss Ramsay of Bamff his father, direct to his maires of the said schireffdome, for infefting him in the heall Barronie of Bamff except Eister Mawes and Pitdray. This precept mentiones ane other precept direct furth of our soveraign Lords Chanclerie to the saids schireff of Perth to the effect forsaid, and is daitted the 8 day of October 1530.

3. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Saisine following therone in his favors of the dait the 29 October 1530.

4. " *Item*, ane Chartour of Apprysing in favor of the said Alexander Ramsay and Margaret Chreightone his spous, off the lands and barronie off Bamff, daitted the 4th June 1531.

5. " *Item*, ane Precept under the quarter seall relative therto, daitted 4 June.

5. " *Item*, ane Saisine following one the said Precept in favors of the said Alexander and Margaret Creightoun his spous, daited 19 June 1531.

6. " Chartour under the great seall in favors of George Ramsay of Bamff and Elizabeth Wood his spous off the lands of Pitdrey, Fyell and mylne therof, dated 14 May 1564.

6. " *Item*, ane Precept under the quarter seall relative therto, dated 14 May 1564.

6. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Sasine following theron in favors

of the said George and his said spows, dated the tenth of September 1564.

7. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Sasine in favors of George Ramsay, proceeding on ane Precept furth of the Chancellarie for infefting him as air to umquhill Alexander Ramsay his father in the lands of Easter Mawes with the pertinents; the said instrument of sasine is dated the tuentie day of May 1556. *Nota*, the said precept is wanting.

8. "*Item*, Instrument of Sasine in favors of the said George Ramsay of Bamff of the heall land sand barrony therof (except Pidrey and the tuo part lands of Kinkedly) proceeding on ane Precept furth of the Chancellary for infefting him, dated the 21 May 1556.

9. " Retour, George Ramsay of Bamff as air to George Ramsay of Bamff, his father, in the lands and baronie therof and lands of Mawes, daited the 19 October 1580.

10. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Saisine following on ane Precept furth of the Chanclery proceiding one the said Retour, daited the 10 November 1580. *Nota*, the said Precept is wanting.

11. " *Item*, ane Precept be William Lord Ruthen, shireff of Perth, direct to his maires for giveing to the said George the saisin above writtin, daited nynth of November 1580.

12. " *Item*, Procuratory of Resignatione granted be John Scrymgeor of Gleswall for resigning the lands of Ardormie in the Kings hands, superior therof, in favors and for new infeftments therof to be granted to Georg Ramsay of Bamff, daitted . . . day of . . . j^{m} vj^{c} fourscoir years (?).[1]

13. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Resignatione off the heall lands and barronie of Bamff, Mawis and others therinspecifeit, proceiding on the forsaid procuratory granted be the said John Scrymgeor, and ane other procuratory granted be the said George himself, which instrument is daited the 15 May 1595.

14. " *Item*, ane Chartour of Resignatione of the forsaids lands

[1] See No. 96 above.

and barronie of Bamff in favors of the said George Ramsay, containing ane *de novo damus* and ane change of the holding of the samen lands from simple to taxt ward, with ane confirmatione of the wreats and evidents of the lands of Auchteralyth and Watersheall holden of other superiors, daitted the 17 May 1590.

15. " *Item*, ane Precept under the quarter seall relative therto, daitted 17 May 1595.

15. " *Item*, ane Saisine following on the said Precept of the forsaids lands in favors of the said George Ramsay, daited 9 October 1595.

16. " *Item*, ane Chartor of confirmatione under the great seall confirming ane Chartor of the lands of Ardormy granted be Androw Murray to Master Alexander Scrymgeor of Glastrea, which Charter of confirmatione is daited the twentie fourth of Appryll 1510. *Nota*, the Chartor confirmed is wanting.

17. " *Item*, ane Saisen of the lands of Ardormie in favors of Walter Scrymgeor, brother to John Scrymgeor of Gleswall, proceiding one ane Precept of Saisin granted be the said John to him for that effect; this saisin is daited 23 July 1537.

18. " *Item*, ane Saisin in favors of James Scrymgor of Gleswall of the lands of Ardormie, proceiding on ane Precept furth of the Chancellary for infefting him as air to Walter Scrymgeor his father. This saisin is daited 24 October 1549.

19. " *Item*, ane Saisin in favors of John Scrymsgour of the saids lands of Ardormy, proceiding on ane Precept furth of the Chancellary as air to James Scrymgeor his father. This saisine is daited 28 May 1582. *Nota*, the forsaids lands of Ardormie belonged to the Lairds of Bamff befor the Scrymgeors had any right therto, and be the procuratory of resignation Chartour and Saisin following theron in favors of the said George Ramsay the samen returned back again to them.

20. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Saisine in favors of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff of the lands and barronie therof, proceiding one

ane precept furth of the Chanclery for infefting him as air to George Ramsay his father, which Saisin is daited the 3 June 1620. *Nota*, the Retour and Precept wheron this followes is wanting.

21. " *Item*, ane Chartour granted be Gilbert Ramsay, elder of Bamff, in favors of Gilbert Ramsay younger, his sone, and Eleizabeth Blair his spous, off the lands and barronie therof, bearing holding of the superior, daited the fourth day of November 1634.

21. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Saisine following therone in favors of the said Gilbert Ramsay, younger, daited 24 November 1634.

22. " *Item*, ane Instrument of Resignation of the lands and barronie of Bamff and others therin specifeit, in favors of Gilbert Ramsay, younger of Bamff, following on ane procuratory of resignation contained in ane Contract of Mariag past betwixt the saids Gilbert Ramsayes, elder and younger, on the ane part, and Sir Thomas Blair of Balthyock, and Elizabeth Blair now Lady of Bamff, on the other pairt; this Instrument is daited the 20 June 1635.

23. " *Item*, ane Chartour of Resignatione following theron in favors of the said Gilbert Ramsay, younger, daitted the 22 June 1635.

23. " *Item*, ane Precept under the quarter seall for infefting the said Gilbert Ramsay in the lands and barronie of Bamff, daited the 22 June 1635.

23. " *Item*, ane Saisine following therone in favors of the said Gilbert Ramsay, younger, off the lands and others forsaid, daited 3 November 1635.

24. " *Item*, ane Contract of Mariag betwixt Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, James Ramsay, his only son and appairand air, on the ane pairt, and ane noble Earle, James, Earle of Airly, and Mistress Christian Ogilvy, laufull daughter to Sir Thomas Ogilvy, brother german to the said Earle, on the other pairt, daited the 17th October 1666 years, wherby for the mariag then contracted and

therefter solemnized betwixt the said James Ramsay and Mistress Christian Ogilvy, the said Gilbert Ramsay obleist him, his airis and successours, to sufficientlie infeft and sais the said James Ramsay and Mistress Christian Ogilvy and the airis and bairnes to be goten betuixt them bearing the surnam and armes of Ramsay, in the lands and barronie of Bamff, Bennathie and Cupermacultie, Auchteralyth, Watersheall, third part lands of Drumflogno, and thrid part lands of Maynes [of] Crewchie; which contract containes ane procuratory of resignation, and is of the dait forsaid.

25. "*Item*, ane Instrument of resignatione proceiding one the procuratory contained in the Contract abovwrittin off the lands and barronie of Bamff, Benathie and Cuparm^c^Cultie, and others therin specifeit, in favors of the said James Ramsay and Mistress Christian Ogilvy in lyfrent and fie respective, daited 8 July 1670.

26. "*Item*, ane Chartor of resignatione following therone in favors of the saids James and Mistress Christian Ogilvy, daited the 15 July 1670.

27. "*Item*, ane Precept under the quarter seall for infefting the said James Ramsay and Mistress Christian Ogilvy in the lands and barronie of Bamff, Benathie and Cupar M^c^Cultie, in lyfrent and fie respective, daited 15 July 1670.

28. "*Item*, ane Saisine following therone, daitted the 7 September 1672."

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MINUTE OF CONTRACT whereby James Sanders in Creuchies is to sell to James, Earl of Airlie, his third part of Mains of Creuchies: 12th April 1683. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

MINUTE of Contract, dated at Cortachie, 12th April 1683, between James, Earl of Airlie, on the one part, and James Sanders in Crewchie, and Isobel Done his spouse, on the other part, reciting that the Earl is to advance and pay to them at Whitsunday next the sum of 700 merks, for which they agree to sell and dispone to him their third part lands of the Mains of Crewchie, in the parish

of Blair. Besides payment, the Earl obliges himself to grant "ane sufficient letter of Tack of these tuo aikers of land of the said thrid part lands of the Maines of Crewchie called the Drum, with priviledge of pasturag of bestiall, casting vining and away leading of peats turves fewall feall and divot in the mosses and mores of the thrid part lands of Maines of Crewchie, conform to use and wont as the tenents of the saids tuo aikers of land hes bein formerlie in use to doe; and lykwayes shall grant tack of ane aiker of land called Muirlands with the westmost house in the said James' toft and litle yeard befor the door therof, with ane cow and six sheeps grass, during all the dayes of the said Issobell Done her lyftym after the deceise of her said husband; the saids Tacks ar to conteine no tak dewtie nor service due to the said Earle; and the said James Sanders obleidges him to cause Janet Sanders his daughter and Issobell Done his spous to renunce any right they have to any part of the lands abovspecifeit". Patrick Yeaman, servitor to the clerk of Kerremuir, writes the deed; witnesses, Thomas Ogilvy of Torfanchie, Thomas Johnstone in Alyth, Thomas Miller there, and the said Patrick Yeaman.

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DISPOSITION BY JAMES SANDERS to the Earl of Airlie, of his third part of the Mains of Creuchies: 16th April 1683.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISPOSITION by the said James Sanders, with consent of Isobel Done his spouse and Janet Sanders his daughter, to James, Earl of Airlie, of his third part of the Mains of Crewchie, in terms of the foregoing minute. Written by Patrick Yeaman, servitor to James Ramsay, clerk of Kerremuir, it is dated at Alyth, 16th April 1683; witnesses, Andrew Arrott in Innerqueich, James Ogilvy in Alyth, Thomas Miller there, William Balfour there, and the said Patrick Yeaman.

318

SASINE following thereupon: same date.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 16th April 1683, given to Thomas Andersone in Mains of Creuchie as attorney for James, Earl of Airlie, in the third part of the Mains of Creuchie, in terms of the foregoing Disposition. Done on the ground of the lands (by James Ogilvy in Alyth) between 2 and 3 p.m. in presence of John Ramsay, notary, William Moncreiff, dyer in Alyth, Thomas Miller there, and William Balfour there. James Ramsay, clerk of the diocese of Dunkeld, is notary.

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CHARTER OF CONFIRMATION BY JAMES, EARL OF AIRLIE, to Master Gilbert Ramsay in Bruceton, of the lands of Tullymurdoch: 26th April 1683. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by James, Earl of Airlie, to Master Gilbert Ramsay in Brucetoune, confirming a charter by the now deceased John Robertson of Tullymurdoch to the said Master Gilbert of the lands of Tullymurdoch Over and Nether, with mill, etc., dated at Alyth, 24th May 1672, holding of the grantor under his superior, the Earl of Airlie, for payment to the latter of 40*s*. Scots; witnesses to which charter were, Gilbert Ramsay of Bamffe, knight baronet, James Ramsay, fiar of Bamffe, David Rattray of Rannagullan, Patrick Irland in Alyth, Thomas Whitson, notary, and David Blair, his servitor. The confirmation is written by John Donaldsone, notary, and dated at Cortachie, 26th April 1683; witnesses, Thomas Ogilwie of Tarfeachie, William Ogilvie, the Earl's servitor, and George Brockye.

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SASINE OF JAMES RAMSAY, fiar of Bamff, in the lands of Auchteralyth: 22nd November 1683. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 22nd November 1683, given to Thomas Taylor in Boigsyd as attorney for James Ramsay, younger of Bamff, in the easter third part of the town and lands of Auchteralyth, and in the middle and wester third parts therof, in terms of a Charter of Resignation by James, Earl of Airlie, in favour of the said James Ramsay and the now deceased Dame Christian Ogilvy his spouse, reserving the life-rents of Sir Gilbert Ramsay and Dame Elizabeth Blair his spouse, dated at Cortachie, 11th July 1683, witnesses being, James Ogilvy, brother german of Sir Francis Ogilvy of Newgrange, knight, Thomas Ogilvy of Torfauchie, William Ogilvy in Meiklekenney, Patrick Yeaman, servitor to James Ramsay, clerk of the regality of Kerremuir, and the said James Ramsay. Precept is directed to Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, who accordingly gives infeftment on the ground of the lands between 2 and 3 p.m. in presence of David Donald of Shangie, John Ramsay at the Mill of Innerqueich, John Anderson, lawful son of Alexander Andersone there, and Patrick Yeaman writer in Kerremuir. James Ramsay, clerk of the diocese of Dunkeld, is notary.

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CHARTER BY SIR GILBERT RAMSAY of Bamff to his son James R., fiar of Bamff, of a third part of Drumheads: 12th February 1685. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Sir Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff to James Ramsay, his son, and the heirs male procreated between him and Christian Ogilvie his spouse, whom failing, his nearest lawful heirs male of the name of Ramsay, irredeemably, of the grantor's third part of the lands of Drumflognes, lying in the barony of Craig in the shire

of Forfar, reserving his own life-rent; holding from him of the superiors blench. The deed is written by John Ramsay, notary, and dated at Bamff, 12th February 1685; witnesses, James Ogilvie in Alyth, Patrick Ramsay, servitor to the said James Ramsay, and the said John Ramsay. [Signed] S. G. Ramsay (*sic*); Ja. Ogilvy, witnes; Pa. Ramsay, witnes; Jo. Ramsay, testis. The Charter is granted in implement of the Marriage Contract of the said James and Christian, dated 17th October 1666. (See No. 286.)

322

Charter by Robert, Earl of Southesk, to James Ramsay of Bamff, confirming the above: 4th March 1685.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

Charter by Robert, Earl of Southesk, Lord Carnaigy of Kinnaird and Lewchars, whereby for certain sums of money paid to him by James Ramsay, lawful son and apparent heir of Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff, he ratifies and confirms a charter granted by the deceased Gilbert Ramsay of Bamff in favour of the said Gilbert Ramsay, now elder of Bamff, his son, and the heirs male begotten between him and Elizabeth Blair his spouse, or his nearest heirs male, of his third part of the lands of Drumflognies, dated 24th November 1634, and also the Charter by the said Gilbert Ramsay to James Ramsay his son, etc., of the same lands (No. 321 *supra*). This confirmation is written by Alexander King, servitor to James Peter, W.S., and dated at Edinburgh, 4th March 1685; witnesses, the said James Peter, and David Knight, the Earl's servitor. [Signed] "Southesque; Da. Knight, testes; Ja. Peter, witnes."

(Seal appended, broken.)

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SASINE of the said James Ramsay, in the said lands: 18th May 1685. (Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 18th May 1685, of James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, in a third part of the lands of Drumflognies, in terms of his father's charter to him (No. 321 *supra*). Thomas Robertsone in Drumheads gives infeftment, on the ground of the lands about 11 a.m. in presence of Alexander and Patrick Ramsay in Bamff, William Anderson in Kinkedley, and Alexander M^cIntosche in Caldswell. John Ramsay, clerk of the diocese of Dunkeld, is notary. [Signed] "A. Ramsay, testes; Pa. Ramsay, testes; William Anderson, witnes; Alexander Makintoshe, witnes."

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CHARTER BY ROBERT EARL OF SOUTHESK, to Alexander Robertson, of two third parts of Drumheads: 26th September 1685. (Latin) *Parchment.*

CHARTER by Robert, Earl of Southesk, to Alexander Robertson, lawful son of the deceased John Robertson in Drumflognies, and Jean Lindsay his spouse, and their heirs, whom failing, Alexander's own heirs, irredeemably, of the two third parts of the lands of Drumflognies now occupied by the said Alexander and his subtenants, and that for certain sums of money now paid to the grantor. They are to be held of the grantor for payment of the services and duties heretofore payable. Precept is directed to David M^cNicoll in Dillwhirr to give sasine; and the charter is written by George Spence, lawful son of John Spence, clerk of Brechin, and dated at Kynnaird, 26th September 1685; witnesses, James Alexander of Kinglassie, William Lindsay, David Knight, James Stephane, the Earl's servitors, and the said George Spence.

(Seal appended, damaged.)

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SASINE following thereupon : 4th March 1687.

(Latin) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 4th March 1687, of the said Alexander Robertson and his spouse, in the two third parts of Drumflognies, in terms of the foregoing Charter. Done on the ground of the lands about 2 p.m. in presence of David Lindsay in Ballintor, Andrew Lindsay, apparent of Easter Persie, Robert Lindsay, lawful son of the said David Lindsay, and Archibald Rouatt, servitor to the notary, John Spence.

326

MINUTE OF CONTRACT between William Durham of Grange and Alexander Duncan, for selling to the latter the lands of Ardownie, etc. : 30th March 1687. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

MINUTE of Contract, dated at Dundee, 30th March 1687, between William Durhame of Grainge, with consent of Jean Scott his wife, on the one part, and Alexander Duncan, lawful son of the deceased Master James Duncane, minister at Liff, and Katherine Auchinleck his spouse on the other part, for selling to the said Alexander and Katherine and their heirs the lands and town of Ardownie, and teindsheaves thereof, and the half of the town and lands of Baldovies, and teindsheaves thereof, either the half possessed by the grantor or the half possessed by his brother german, Henry Durham, at the grantee's option ; all lying in the parish of Monyfeith and shire of Forfar ; also " ane rowme in the kirk of Monyfeith belonging to the lands of Ardownie, with his dask or seat standing therin ". For all which, the said Alexander Duncan and his spouse oblige themselves to grant to Durham and his spouse a sufficient renunciation and discharge of an annualrent of 1,200 merks effeiring to the principal sum of 20,000 merks,

wherein the said Alexander and Katherine stand infeft, upliftable from the lands of Grange, Ardownie, and others, contained in a heritable Bond by the said William Durham to them, and to renounce also the said principal sum. Though the lands are provided to Katherine Auchinleck in life-rent, she restricts herself to the annualrent of 10,000 merks thereof, if there be children alive of the marriage, and 12,000 merks if otherwise, conform to their contract of marriage. The contract is written by James Ramsay, clerk depute of Dundee; witnesses, Gilbert Auchinleck of that Ilk, Robert Fotheringham of Halhill, James Scott of Logie, the said James Ramsay, and William Rattray his servitor. (Signatures.)

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MARRIAGE CONTRACT between David Threipland son of Sir Patrick T. of Fingask, and Elizabeth Ramsay, dau. of James R., fiar of Bamff: 19th September 1688. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

CONTRACT, dated at Perth, 19th September 1688, between Sir Patrick Threipland of Fingask, knight and baronet, and David Threipland, his only lawful son and apparent heir, on the one part, and James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, and Elizabeth Ramsay, his eldest lawful daughter, on the other part, for the marriage of the said David and Elizabeth. Sir Patrick Threipland obliges himself to infeft the said David his son, and the heirs male of the marriage, whom failing, the heirs male and assignees whomsoever of the said David, in an annualrent of 40 chalders of victual, Perth measure, upliftable from his lands and baronies of Fingask and Castle Threipland, reserving his own life-rent; and to infeft the said David and Elizabeth (for their support during his own lifetime and for the said Elizabeth's life-rent use) in an annualrent of 2,000 merks upliftable from the said lands, and in the manor place of Castle Threipland, with pertinents houses and yards. If there be only daughters of the marriage, the sum of 20,000 merks is to be pro-

vided for an only daughter, or 30,000 merks for more daughters than one, to be divided by the advice of two of the nearest of kin on both their father's and mother's side, and that at their age of 16 years. If Elizabeth Ramsay survive her husband, she is provided to half of the plenishing that he may have at his death, "incaice they then be removed out of houshold and familly from the said Sir Patrick", and if not so removed, then Sir Patrick will sell and dispone to her half of his household plenishing "to be from thenfurth brooked and enjoyed be her as her oun proper goods and gare". The said James Ramsay promises to pay to the said Sir Patrick the sum of 6,000 merks as his daughter's dowry, which is in full satisfaction of all the said Elizabeth can legally claim by decease of her father or of the now deceased Christian Ogilvie her mother. The contract is written by Robert Elder, writer in Perth, and witnesses are, Master Alexander Carnegie, fiar of Kinfauns, George Drummond of Blair Drummond, David Drummond of Cultmalundie, James Blair of Lethinday, Thomas Chalmer, collector in Perth, Thomas Whitsone, notary at Rattray, Henry Broune, notary in Perth, and the said Robert Elder. [Signed] "Ja. Ramsay; P. Threipland; Da. Threipland"; and by the witnesses.

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SASINE of the said Elizabeth Ramsay in an annualrent of 2,000 merks out of Fingask, etc.: 20th September 1688.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 20th September 1688, given to John Laird in Kinnaird, as attorney for Elizabeth Ramsay, eldest daughter of James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, in an annualrent of 2,000 merks upliftable from the lands and baronies of Fingask and Castle Threipland, and in the manor place of Castle Threipland, in life-rent, in terms of her Contract of Marriage. Thomas Arthor in Kinnaird gives infeftment, on the ground of the said lands and

baronies about 5 and 6 p.m. in presence of Gilbert Lamb in Bridgend, Gilbert Wilsone in Castle Threipland, James Patersone in Flacraig (Fahcraig?), and Patrick Jacksone in Rait. Thomas Whitsone is notary.

329

Disposition by William Ogilvie in Meikle Kenny to William Chalmers at the Mill of Inverqueich, of the town and lands of Wester Whiteside of Alyth: 24th March 1690.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

Disposition by William Ogilvy in Mekle Kenie, reciting Charter No. 248 *supra*, and the Contract upon which it proceeded, containing a wadset for 1,700 merks of the lands of Wester Whytsyd of Alyth, and teindsheaves thereof, to which his father Captain John Ogilvy obtained right in 1656 by assignation from John Ramsay; and now seeing William Chalmers at the Mill of Innerqueich has given and assigned to him bonds to the value of 1,700 merks, the said William Ogilvy, son of the said Captain John Ogilvy, with consent of Jean Lindsay his spouse, sells, dispones and assigns to him the wadset of the lands of Wester Whytsyd of Alyth. The deed is written by Thomas Miller, eldest son of Thomas Miller in Westquarter of Alyth, and dated at Alyth, 24th March 1690; witnesses, Master James Ogilvy of Clunay, David Donald of Shangie, Andrew Arrott in Innerquich, James Ogilvy, bailie of Alyth, John Ramsay, notary there, and the said Thomas Miller. (Signatures.)

330

Charter of Confirmation by the Earl of Airlie of the foregoing Disposition: 12th September 1691. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Charter by James, Earl of Airlie, confirming the foregoing Disposition and Assignation by William Ogilvie, lawful son and heir served and retoured to the deceased Captain John Ogilvy, with

consent of Jean Lindsay his spouse, in favour of William Chalmers at Mill of Innerqueich, of the lands of Wester Whytsyd of Alyth, sometime occupied by Patrick Rattray and John Ramsay, under reversion to the Earl for 1,700 merks. The charter is written by William Hendersone, notary, and dated at Banff, 12th September 1691; witnesses, James Urqhart of Knockleeth, James Ogilvy now in East miln, Gilbert Ogilvy, servitor to the Laird of Clova, and John Mark, servitor to the Earl of Airlie.

331

DISCHARGE BY SIR DAVID THRIEPLAND of Fingask to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, for 6,000 merks of tocher: 5th February 1692. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISCHARGE by Sir David Thriepland of Fingask, knight and baronet, to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, for 6,000 merks which the said James promised to pay as tocher with his daughter Elizabeth to Sir Patrick Thriepland, the discharger's father, now deceased, and has now paid to the said Sir David, as having right thereto by his father's testament and his office of executry. The deed is written by James Drummond, servitor to James Hay of Carribber, W.S., and dated at Edinburgh, 5th February 1692; witnesses, George Drummond of Blair, James Hay of Carribber, Adam Mastertoun of Grange, and the said James Drummond. [Signed] "Da. Threipland"; and by the witnesses.

332

DISPOSITION BY JOHN HERRIES in Welton of Creuchies to Sir James Ramsay of Bamff of his part of Welton of Creuchies: 9th May 1692. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISPOSITION by John Heres, portioner of the Walltoune of Creuchies, with consent of . . . Irland, his spouse, and of John Heres, his eldest son, selling to Sir James Ramsay of Bamff, for 1,800 merks,

"these two pleughes and roums (proportion of pasture land) of land, being the two pairt of the toun and lands of the Walltoune of Creuchies", with houses, yards, and pertinents, sometime occupied by the deceased Alexander Heres and thereafter by Alexander Heres his 'oye', and sometime by the deceased Thomas Wightone and Thomas Wightone his son, and thereafter by the deceased John Cuming, lawful son of the deceased John Cuming in Ardormie, and presently by the said John Heres; also the teinds thereof. The said John Heres obliges himself to obtain infeftment as heir to his great-grandfather, grandfather, and father, in the said subjects, for securing the said Sir James Ramsay's title. The deed is written by James Nairne, servitor to John Pattillo, commissary clerk of Dunkeld, and dated at Alyth, 9th May 1692; witnesses, Master Gilbert Blair, minister at Blair, James Miller in Alyth, John Miller his son, and the said James Nairne.

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Bond by David Ramsay, son of Alex. R. of Jordanstone, to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, for 5,000 merks: 10th May 1693.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

Bond by David Ramsay, eldest lawful son of the deceased Alexander Ramsay of Jurdinstoune, to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, for 5,000 merks, now borrowed by him from the said James, and to be repaid before 4th June 1693, under a penalty of 1,000 merks and payment of interest. The deed is written by William Henderson, notary, and dated at Dune, 10th May 1693; witnesses, David Erskine, third lawful son of David Erskine of Dun, and Robert Patersone, schoolmaster at Dun. [Signed] "D. Ramsay; Dav. Erskine, witnes; R. Patersson, wittnes."

334

LETTERS charging the said David Ramsay to enter heir to his father: 5th June 1693: with execution.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

LETTERS at the instance of James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, charging David Ramsay, eldest lawful son of Alexander R. of Jordanstone, to enter heir in special to his said father in the lands and others wherein his father died last infeft, so that apprising may be led against him for payment of the sum of 5,000 merks contained in his bond. The letters are dated at Edinburgh, 5th June 1693.

On a separate paper is a note of execution of the said letters on 15th June 1693, by Robert Cathro, messenger, against the said "David Ramsay of Jurdenstoune", personally apprehended; witnesses, John Reid, mair, and Patrick Cathro, son of the messenger.

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DECREET OF ADJUDICATION at the instance of James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, against the said David Ramsay: 10th February 1694.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

SUMMONS being raised at Edinburgh, on 13th January 1694, at the instance of James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, against the foresaid David Ramsay, as charged to enter heir as above, and against Alexander Robertsone of Fairniehirst, wadsetter of the lands, and Charles, Earl of Southesk, superior thereof, for their interests, for recovery of the foresaid debt of 5,000 merks, with penalty, interest and expenses, extending in all to 6,150 merks; and the pursuer compearing by Master Robert Stewart, younger, advocate, his procurator (who produced the bond, letters, and execution foresaid), but none of the defenders compearing, the Lords adjudge to

the pursuer in satisfaction of his debt " the lands of Drumfrognes, the lands of [Middle] Drumhead (see No. 341), Corndowes and Hollowburne ", lying in the parish of Glenylla and sheriffdom of Angus, as they were lately possessed by the said David Ramsay and are now wadset to the said Alexander Robertsone for 3,300 merks.

10th February 1694, the Lords find the process orderly, and ordain letters of horning to be directed against Charles, Earl of Southesk, to infeft James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, in the said lands.

336

EXTRACT (25th May 1694) CONTRACT between William Durham of Grange and Alexander Duncan of Ardownie about the sale of Baldovie, etc.: 1st November 1693. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

EXTRACT of a contract and minute of sale, dated at Grange, 1st November 1693, registered at Forfar, 25th May 1694, between William Durham of Grange and Alexander Duncan of Ardownie, whereby the former obliges himself to sell and dispone to the latter his half of the lands of Baldovie, with pertinents, and also his town and lands of Ashludie, with pertinents, and " that part both of the outfield and infield with the meadows and houses of the Mains of Grange lying upon the east side of the kirkgate which leads from the manner place of Ardownie to the kirk of Monifieth and is bounded with the Earle of Panmures lands from the said kirk road southward on the west and with the said Earles lands upon the south and east parts and with the said lands of Baldovie on the north parts; and in like manner the whole links and mosses belonging to the lands of Grange which lyes beeast the Kirkton of Monifieth "; all lying in the parish of Monifieth and shire of Forfar; with the multures, etc. " which lands are all to be free from the astriction to the Mill of Grange in all time coming "; and that for 22,000 merks to be paid therefor by the said Alexander

Duncan at Whitsunday 1694. Durham obliges himself to cause Jean Scott, his lady, to ratify the transaction. Duncan is to have retention in his own hands off the said price of any sums or annualrents due by Durham to him, and Durham is to apply the readiest of the money for defraying any debts or incumbrances affecting the lands of Ardownie, or the others hereby disponed. The writer of the contract was David Kinnaird, servitor to James Dick, writer in Dundee; and witnesses were Gilbert Auchinleck of that Ilk, John Barclay of Johnston, Robert Gardyne of Laton, Henry Smith of Camno, James Scott of Logie, James Kyde of Craigie, James Mylne of Balwyllie, James Durham, eldest lawful son of the said William Durham, James Smyth, eldest lawful son of the said Henry Smith, the said James Dick and David Kinnaird.

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INSTRUMENT OF PROTESTATION BY ALEXANDER DUNCAN of Ardownie against William Durham of Grange: 15th May 1694.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

AT the manor place and house of Grange, 15th May 1694, compeared George Keith, writer in Dundee, procurator for Alexander Duncan of Ardounie, lawful son of the deceased Master James Duncan, minister at Liff, and passed to the presence of William Durhame of Grange, holding in his hands (1) Disposition by the said William Durham to the said Alexander Duncan and Catherine Auchinleck his spouse, dated 16th and March 1691, selling to them for 20,000 merks the town and lands of Ardownie, teindsheaves and pertinents, and the shadow half of the town and lands of Baldovie, as the latter were lately possessed by Henry Durhame, brother to the grantor, infeftment to be given before 11th November 1693; and (2) Minute of Contract dated 1st November 1693, for selling to said Alexander Duncan, for 22,000 merks, the half of the lands of Baldovie, and the town and lands of Asludie, and parts of

Mains of Grange, to be fulfilled before 15th May 1694, under a penalty of 3,000 merks; which obligations he required the said William Durham of Grange to obtemper and fulfil; and upon Durham's refusal to obey the same and to receive the sum of 22,000 merks instantly offered to him, the said George Keith protested that the said Alexander Duncan should not be liable in payment of interest during Durham's refusal, and that Durham should be liable in payment of the penalty foresaid. Witnesses, David Ramsay, Adam Duncan, and Robert Findlay, servitors to the said Alexander Duncan. George Clunnes, notary, prepares the instrument.

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PRECEPT OF CLARE CONSTAT in favour of James Adamson in Alyth as heir to his father in parts of Hatton of Creuchies: 16th August 1694. (Vernacular) *Parchment.*

PRECEPT of Clare Constat by James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, for infefting James Adamson in Alyth as heir to his deceased father, Alexander A. there, in "thes thrie possessiones of land of the toune and lands of the Halltoune of Creuchies somtime possest be Reonald Cures, elder and younger, and Margaret Irland, and now presently be Allexander Kermock, George Souttar, and James Thornetoune", with houses, yards, and pertinents; the said James being only son of the said Alexander Adamson and Jean Findlay his spouse: To be held of the said James Ramsay blench, and for payment to the superiors and to the minister of Blair of £12. 17*s*. 4*d*., relieving the said James Ramsay thereof during non-redemption of the lands, which were wadset by James, Earl of Airlie, to the said Alexander Adamson and Jean Findley for 600 merks, they being infeft therein on 19th May 1670, and which the said James Ramsay has now the right to redeem as having bought the lands from the said Earl. The deed is written by James Ogilvy, servitor to John Ramsay, notary in Alyth, and dated at Bamff, 16th

August 1694; witnesses, the said John Ramsay and James Ogilvy, and John Wright, the grantor's servitor. [Signed] "Ja. Ramsay; Jo. Ramsay, witnes; Ja. Ogilvy, witnes; John Wright, witnes."

(The parchment is eaten into.)

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SASINE following thereupon: 17th August 1694.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 17th August 1694, of the said James Adamson in the foresaid parts of Haltoun of Creuquhy, in terms of the foregoing Precept. William Fentoune at the Mill of Fyall gives infeftment, on the ground of the lands about 5 p.m. in presence of Andrew Rattray, lawful son of David Rattray of Borland, James Robertsone, student in Alyth, James Ogilvy, servitor to John Ramsay, notary in Alyth, and James Robertson, son of John R., elder of Easter Straloch. John Ramsay is notary.

(This parchment is also eaten.)

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RENUNCIATION by Jean Finlay and James Adamson to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, of parts of Hatton of Creuchies: 25th August 1694. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

RENUNCIATION by Jean Findley, widow of Alexander Adamson in Alyth, and James Adamson, reciting the foregoing Precept and Sasine, and the contract of wadset dated 24th January 1670 (No. 285 above) whereby James, Earl of Airlie, wadset the lands to the said Alexander and Jean, and that now James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, has paid to her and her son 600 merks as the price of redemption therein contained, therefore the said Jean and James renounce and overgive the said three possessions of Haltoun of Creuchie

in his favour. Written by James Ogilvy, servitor to John Ramsay, notary in Alyth, and dated at Alyth, 25th August 1694; witnesses, Thomas Miller in Alyth, Thomas Murdo, lawful son of John Murdo, merchant there, James Ferguson, lawful son of John Ferguson of Wester Callie, and the said James Ogilvy. (Signatures.)

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LETTERS OF POINDING at the instance of Sir James Ramsay of Bamff against tenants: 3rd January 1695.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

PATRICK, Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorn, etc., Sheriff of Forfar, grants letters of horning and arreistment at the instance of Sir James Ramsay of Bamff against Alexander Robertsone in Holloburne, for 40 merks, Thomas Watsone in Ferniehirst, 80 merks, Thomas Edward in Midledrumhead, 80 merks, and John M^{c}Nicoll in Cornedowes, 40 merks, for their "ferme meall and deutie", crop 1694, and the same yearly hereafter at the due terms of payment; to which the pursuer has right by charter of adjudication, 24th July 1694, from the Earl of Southesk, following upon his decreet of adjudication (No. 335 *supra*). The letters are dated at Forfar, 3rd January 1695.

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DECREET OF ADJUDICATION at the instance of Alexander Duncan of Ardownie against William Durham of Grange: 16th January 1695. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

AT Edinburgh, 21st November 1694, summons being raised at the instance of Alexander Duncan of Ardownie and Katherine Auchinleck his spouse against William Durham of Grange and Jean Scot his spouse for failing to implement the disposition by him to Duncan dated 16th March 1691 for the sale of Ardownie, etc. and

the minute of contract dated 1st November 1693 for the sale of Baldovie, etc., and also for failing to pay the sums contained in a heritable bond of corroboration granted by the deceased James Durham, elder of Ardownie, and the said William Durham, fiar thereof, his eldest lawful son, and David and Henry Durham, also his sons, with consent of Jean Scot, spouse to William Durham, with James Scot of Logie as their cautioner, dated 21st May 1681, mentioning that seeing the deceased Master Andrew Duncan, merchant citizen of London, was content to supersede payment of 17,000 merks due to him, and presently advanced other 3,000 merks, they promised to repay 7,000 merks thereof before Whitsunday 1683 and other 7,000 merks by another year, and 6,000 merks before Whitsunday 1685 ; and for his further security they undertook to infeft the said Master Andrew Duncan in the town and lands of Ardownie, and the town, lands, mills, and Milton of Grange of Monifieth, also the town and lands of Baldovie, sunny and shady halves thereof, town and lands of Ashludie and others ; which bond the said Master Andrew Duncan by his disposition and assignation dated 3rd January 1682 transferred in favour of the said Alexander Duncan, pursuer, and his bodily heirs. The pursuer craved that the lands and others belonging to the said William Durham might be adjudged to him for satisfaction of the full debt of 27,500 merks due by the said heritable bond, and for implement of the disposition and minute of sale foresaid. The pursuers compearing by their procurator, and the defenders being absent, the Lords decern and adjudge the foresaid town and lands of Ardownie, Baldovie, Ashludie, part of Mains of Grange, town and lands of Grange of Moniefuith, mills and fishings thereof, and also the town and lands of Lawes, to pertain and belong to the pursuers in satisfaction of the above debt.

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Disposition by David Robertson to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, of his third part of the Welton of Creuchies : 23rd April 1695. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Disposition by David Robertsone, portioner of Weltoun of Creuchie, eldest lawful son of the deceased John Robertsone in Weltoun of Crewchie, to James Ramsay, fiar of Bamff, for a certain sum of money, selling to him and his heirs male and assignees that third part of the town and lands of Weltoune of Crewchie, with pertinents, sometime possessed by the deceased Alexander Alshonder, thereafter by the deceased James Geddie and his son, thereafter by the said deceased John Robertson, assigning to the said James Ramsay all writs and deeds affecting the lands, including a disposition by William Alexander, eldest lawful son of the deceased Archibald Alexander in Alyth and oy and heir to the deceased Alexander Alshender there, with consent of James Geddie in the Weltoun, in favour of the present disponer and the deceased Elizabeth Rattray his mother (for her life-rent use), of the said third part lands, dated 4th December 1675. The deed is written by Thomas Whitsone, notary, and dated at Kirktown of Rattray, 23rd April 1695 ; witnesses, James Blair, fiar of Ardblair, and the said Thomas Whitsone.

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Disposition by Alexander Robertson to Sir James Ramsay of Bamff of two third parts of the Drumheads : 24th May 1695. (Vernacular) *Paper.*

Disposition by Alexander Robertsone, only lawful son of the deceased James Robertson in Drumflognies, with consent of Jean Lyndsay his spouse, to Sir James Ramsay of Bamff, for a certain sum of money, selling to him and his heirs and assignees their two third parts of the lands of Drumflognies, presently occupied by

them, lying in the barony of Craigis and shire of Forfar; and assigning all writs affecting the same, including a charter by the deceased Robert, Earl of Southesk, to them of the said lands, dated 26th September 1685, and sasine thereupon dated 4th March 1687. The deed is written by William Henderson, lawful son of William Henderson of Halyeards, and dated at Alyth and 24th and May 1695; witnesses, Alexander Robertson of Easter Straloch, David Lyndsay of Balintor, and the said William Henderson, elder and younger. (Signatures.)

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Sasine of James Geddie, as heir to his father, in a third part of Welton of Creuchies: 10th July 1695. (Latin) *Parchment.*

Instrument of Sasine, dated 10th July 1695, given to David Drumond, lawful son of George Drumond of Blair, as attorney for James Geddie, eldest lawful son of James Geddie portioner of Weltoun of Crewchie, on a Precept of Clare Constat by William Alexander in Alyth for infefting the said James Geddie, as heir to his said father, in a third part of the town and lands of Weltoun of Crewchie as sometime occupied by the deceased Alexander Alshonder, the grantor's grandfather, and thereafter by the said deceased James Geddie; the precept being dated at Alyth, 24th December 1675. William Fentoune at the Mill of Foyell gives infeftment, on the ground of the lands about 3 p.m.; witnesses, Master Gilbert Robertson of Drumlochie, Master John Gillin (?), servitor to George Drumond of Blair, Henry Gib, servitor to James Ramsay of Bamff, and George Drumond, son of George Drumond of Blair. Thomas Whitsone, notary thereto.

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DISPOSITION BY JOHN DRUMMOND of Newton to James Ramsay of Bamff, of the lands of Middle Drummie: 12th May 1696.

(Vernacular) *Paper.*

DISPOSITION by John Drummond of Newton, with consent of George Drummond of Blair Drummond, selling to James Ramsay of Bamfe, for 9,000 merks, of the lands of Middle Drimmies, with woods, fishings, mosses and pertinents, and an annualrent of 6*s*. 8*d*. out of the lands of Easter Drimmes, and the teinds of the said lands, and "the two parts" of the lands of Over Muretoun; and assigning the writs, excepting from the warrandice (1) Disposition of the lands and barony of Blair, whereof the above subjects are part, granted by the said John Drummond to Sir Thomas Stewart of Balcaskie; (2) Disposition thereof by said Sir Thomas to John Drummond, brother of the Laird of Cultmalundie; (3) Disposition thereof by said John Drummond last mentioned to the said John Drummond of Newton. He also dispones to Ramsay "any roume or seatt in the kirks of Ratray or Eliot which belonged to the heretor of the lands and others that are hereby dispond". The deed is written by William Drummond, servitor to James Hay of Carribber, and dated at Edinburgh, 12th May 1696; witnesses, Sir Archibald Muir of Thorntoun, and the said James Hay and William Drummond. (Signatures.)

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SASINE OF ALEXANDER DUNCAN of Ardownie in the lands and barony of Grange: 15th November 1703.

(Vernacular) *Parchment.*

INSTRUMENT of Sasine, dated 15th November 1703, of Alexander Duncan of Ardounie, on a heritable bond by William Durham of Grange, with consent of Master James Martine, late regent at St.

Andrews, dated at Montrose, 16th October 1701, for infefting the said Alexander Duncan, and his heirs and assignees, in the lands and barony of Grange, mills, multures, teinds and salmon fishings, to be held blench of the grantor or his superior in warrandice for freeing and relieving the said Alexander Duncan and his foresaids and their lands of Ashludie and parts of the Mains, meadows and links of Grange disponed by the said William Durham to the said Alexander Duncan, from all payment of any bolls of wheat payable out of the said lands and barony of Grange to the governor of the Castle of Edinburgh, and from payment of any part of the feu-duty payable yearly out of the said barony to the Earl of Panmuir, and from payment of any further stipend to the minister of Monifieth except three bolls of victual, and from a pretended mortification of 2,500 merks alleged mortified by the deceased Lady Grange for the use of the poor, or payment of the school-master's stipend within the parish of Monifieth; so that if distressed for these or any of them, the grantee may have access proportionally to the other parts of the said lands and barony not sold and disponed as above, upon giving due intimation. Witnesses to the bond were, James Scott of Logie, James Milne of Balwyllo, and Robert Carstaires, W.S., and James Carstairs, his servitor. James Kyd of Craigie gives sasine, as bailie, on the ground of the said lands and barony between 2 and 3 p.m. in presence of Master Alexander Maitland, brother german to the Earl of Lauderdale, Master John Jacksone, schoolmaster at Monifieth, Robert Maule in Monifieth, and Robert Duncane, servitor to the said Alexander Duncane. James Ramsay, clerk of the diocese of Dunkeld, is notary.

APPENDIX A

ABSTRACTS OF FOUR CHARTERS FROM THE PRINTED REGISTERS OF THE GREAT SEAL OF SCOTLAND CONTAINING REFERENCES TO BAMFF AND RAMSAYS OF BAMFF.

1.

Apud Edinburgh, 27th April 1531.

Rex confirmavit cartam Alexandri Ramsay de Banff,—(qua, cum consensu M. Abrahe Creichtoun curatoris sui, vendidit Alexandro Rattray, heredibus ejus et assignatis,—binam partem terrarum de Kinkedlie, cum toftis et croftis, in baronia de Banff, vic. Perth ;—pro summa pecunie sibi persoluta :—Tenend. de rege :—Test. M. Tho. Halyburtoun, Joh. Halyburtoun seniore, Anthonio Pery, David Cummyn, Jac. Halyburtoun, And. Gray, D. David Jak notario publico :—Apud Dundee, 26 Feb. 1530) :—Test. ut in aliis cartis etc. (Lib. xxiv, No. 49.)

2.

Apud Edinburgh, 22nd February 1614.

Rex,—cum consensu etc. (177),—concessit Joanni Lindsay tunc de Wodewraith, filio natu maximo et heredi quondam D. Joannis L. de W. militis,—solarem dimidietatem terrarum dominicalium et terrarum de Wodewraith cum integra manerie earundem, et presertim solarem dimidietatem pendiculi vocati Corstoun, 3 solares quarterias terrarum de Hoill, ac ville et terrarum de Polgarrok cum molendino terris molendinariis etc. (intra bondas in vulgari specificatas), peciam dict. 3 quarteriarum de Polgarrok que constitit in 9 rigis et extendit ad 3½ acras aut eocirca (intra bondas in vulgari specificatas), occidentalem quarteriam de Polgarrok, cum quarta parte de Hoill, quarta parte molendini etc. de Polgarrok, cum tenentibus etc., in parochia de Abirlemno, vic. Forfar ;—quas ultimas quartas partes idem Jo. cum consensu tutorum suorum, ceteras quondam David Volum de Wodewraith et Alex. V. ejus filius legit. natu maximus, cum consensu Margarete Ogilvie sponse dicti Dav. et Marjorie Barclay sponse dicti Alex., resignaverunt :—Insuper rex,—quia umbralis vel occidentalis dimid. de Wodewraith, olim per Geo. Ramsay de Bamff et Gilb. Ramsay ejus filium et heredem apparentem feodatarium ejusdem tenta de Willelmo Duncane burgensi de Dundie tanquam pendiculum dicte occidentalis quarterie de Polgarrok et sequentium (quas occiden. quarteriam etc. dictus Willelmus dicto D. Jo. alienavit), per dictos Geo. et Gilb. in manibus dicti D. Jo. ad remanentiam resignata est,—suprascripta dicto Jo.

de novo dedit, cum dicta umbrali dimid., et cum omnium maneriebus, piscationibus salmonum aliisque super aquam de Southesk, et mora de Wodewraith ; et omnia incorporavit in liberam baroniam de Wodewraith, ordinando maneriem de W. principale fore messuagium :—Tenend. dicto Jo. et heredibus masc. ejus de corpore legitime procreandis, quibus deficientibus, Alexandro Lindsay ejus fratri germano et heredibus etc. (ut sup.), quibus def., Henrico L. fratri germano ejusdem et heredibus etc. (ut sup.), quibus def., Alexandro dom. de Spynie et heredibus etc. (ut sup.), quibus def., legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus masculis dicti Jo., cognomen et arma de Lindsay gerentibus et assignatis quibuscunque :—Reddend. pro terris etc. per Dav. et Alex. Volum resignatis unum den. albe firme ; pro ceteris jura et servitia consueta :—Reservato vitali redditu Domine Katharine Lindsay domine de Wodewraith, matri dicti Jo. :—Test. ut in aliis cartis etc. (Lib. xlvii, No. 347.)

3.

Apud Edinburgum, 14th December 1635.

Rex,—cum consensu etc. (11. 18.),—concessit Gilberto Ramsay de Bamff, heredibus ejus masc. et assignatis quibuscunque (sub legali reversione),—terras de Kinclune, cum decimis garbalibus inclusis, in parochia de Kincaldrum, regalitate de Aberbrothok, vic. de Forfar ;—que fuerunt Joannis Irnis de Kinclune ; et 13 Jul. 1635 coram Jo. Piggot nuncio appreciate fuerunt pro 1365 merc. :—Test. ut in aliis cartis etc.

(Paper Register, vol. iv, p. 85.)

4.

Apud Edinburgum, 29th March 1647.

Rex,—cum consensu etc. (45. 28.),—concessit Gilberto Ramsay de Bamff heredibus ejus et assignatis quibuscunque (sub legali reversione), terras de Litle Kethik, cum molendinis, salmonum piscariis, maneriei loco, tenentibus etc., terras de Craigheid, vic. Perth ;—que fuerunt Donaldi Campbell de Litle Kethik ; et, cum aliis terris, appreciate fuerunt 9 Dec. 1646 ad instantiam Davidis Rattray de Craighall pro 4,380 merc., cum 219 merc. pro vicecomitis feodo Geo. Gordoun nuncii, necnon 8 Dec. 1646 ad instantiam Davidis Rattray feoditarii de Runnagullane et Issobelle Ramsay ejus sponse pro 6,500 merc., et 325 merc. pro vicecomitis feodo Joannis Hairt nuncii ; qui processus dicto Gilb. assignati fuerant de data apud Halyairdis, 15 Feb. 1647 :—Reddend. servitia et devorias ante dictam appreciationem debitas et consuet.—Test. ut in aliis cartis etc. (Paper Register, vol. v, p. 37.)

APPENDIX B

TABLE OF COMPARATIVE VALUES OF ENGLISH AND SCOTS CURRENCIES FROM 1355 to 1601

Cochran Patrick, Records of the Coinage of Scotland, Introduction, lxxvi.

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Circa	1390		as 1 to 2
,,	1451		,, 1 – 2½
,,	1456		,, 1 – 3
,,	1467		,, 1 – 3½
,,	1475	(gold only)	,, 1 – 4
,,	1544	(whole coinage)	,, 1 – 4
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